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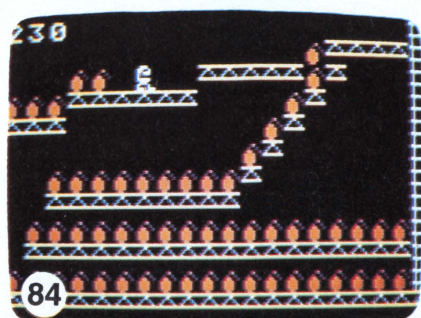
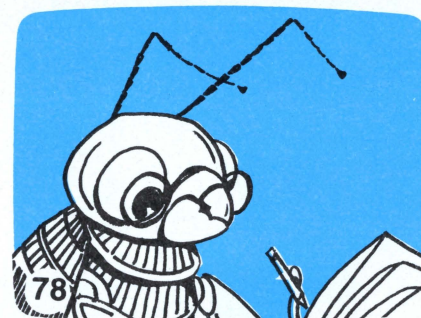
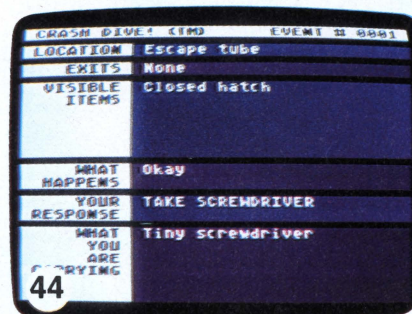
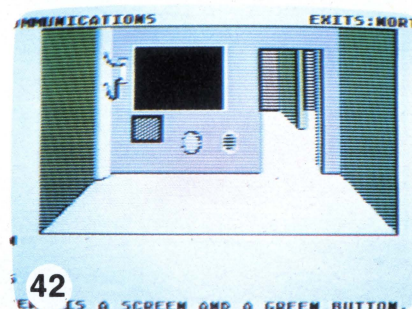
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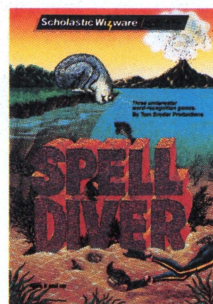
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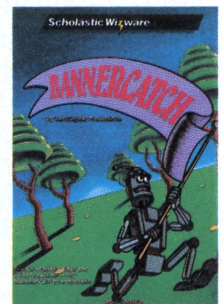
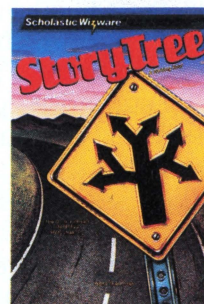
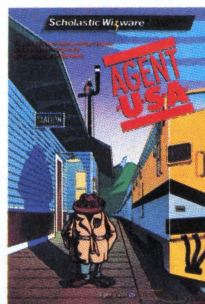
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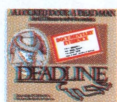
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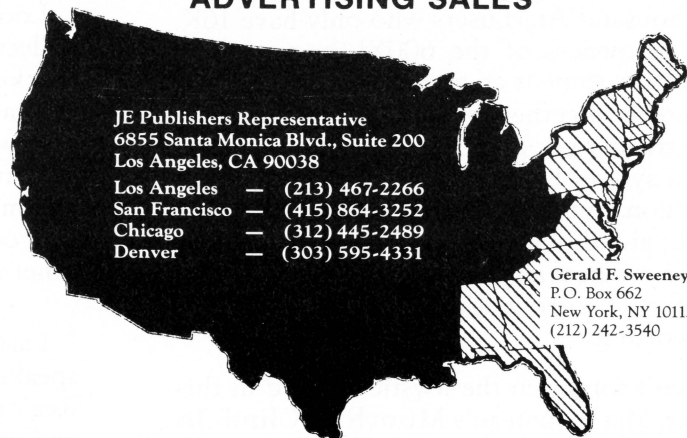
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This issue's stunning cover was the work of Gary Lippincott, a multi-talented artist who resides in Spencer, Massachusetts. When Gary breezed into our offices a few months ago with his portfolio, out tumbled some of the finest fantasy artwork we had ever seen. "Aha!" we surmised, "the perfect person to do the cover for our Adventure issue!" We gave Gary a quick sketch of what we wanted, and two weeks later Gary came back with our cover. Rendered in both watercolor and tempera paint, it stands as a representation of a classic adventure character — a sorcerer and his apprentices — engaged in an unusual form of high technology alchemy. Keep your eyes peeled for more of Gary's artwork on future covers of **ANALOG Computing**.

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# IN THIS ISSUE

by Brian Moriarty

As our superb cover by Gary Lippincott clearly shows, this month's issue is devoted to Adventure. We've selected new products from the biggest names in the adventure business (including Sierra On-Line, Adventure International, Infocom, Quality Software and others) and passed them to our reviewing staff for consideration. Many reviews that we hoped to include didn't fit, so look for the spillover in next month's issue.

Virtually all commercial Atari adventures require at least 32K of memory to play. This slams the door of adventure smack in the face of several hundred thousand Atari users who only have 16K, including all owners of the 600XL system. This month's feature game is an attempt to give the 16K crowd a taste of what they're missing. **Crash Dive!** is a little too tricky to be called a beginner's game, and you need a system bigger than 16K to type in the BASIC version. But the boot-load version fits snugly in a 600XL; and though modesty prevents me from telling you how great and exciting it is, I think you'll find the effort of borrowing a bigger machine to type it in well worth it.

We haven't forgotten the joystick crowd in this issue, either. Mark Comeau's **Munch'In Climb'In** uses colorful player/missile graphics and sound effects to send you on a hungry rampage across a network of girders and ladders. It's a very challenging game that proves once again how much you can do with Atari BASIC with a little ingenuity — and Tom Hudson's PMG routines!

Speaking of Tom, don't miss this month's **BASIC Training** installment. Would-be game designers will find this discussion of graphics vectoring most enlightening. Part II of Clint Parker's **Introduction To Action!** features a high-speed plot routine that makes his kaleidoscope demo really zoom along. Dr. Griffin looks at a couple of interesting "simulated computer" programs in his **Griffin's Lair** educational column, and Sally Forth sheds light on the use of arrays in her favorite language. You may notice that Joel Gluck's **Our Game** isn't listed on the contents page. No, he hasn't suffocated under a pile of mail! He's taken a short vacation from the rigors of **Our Game**, both the column and sorting through

his correspondence, and will return next issue with **Our Game**.

Fans of Tom Hudson's **Boot Camp** column get a special bonus this month. Besides his usual poking around in the 6502 registers, Tom presents an extremely powerful little utility for machine-language debugging. **HBUG** is just the ticket for **MAC/65** owners who need a fast, painless way to find out why their "flawless" M/L masterpieces don't run. (I personally have little use for **HBUG**, since all of my program errors are caused by bugs in the hardware. Isn't that right, Tom?)

Looking for another utility to add to your growing collection? Norman Hill submitted a nice program that keeps track of magazine articles for you. **File'em** is great when you need to reference a certain product review but can't remember where you saw it. Use it in conjunction with Issue 15's **ANALOG Index** and missing articles will become a thing of the past. You can even use **File'em** to organize articles from other magazines — but why bother?

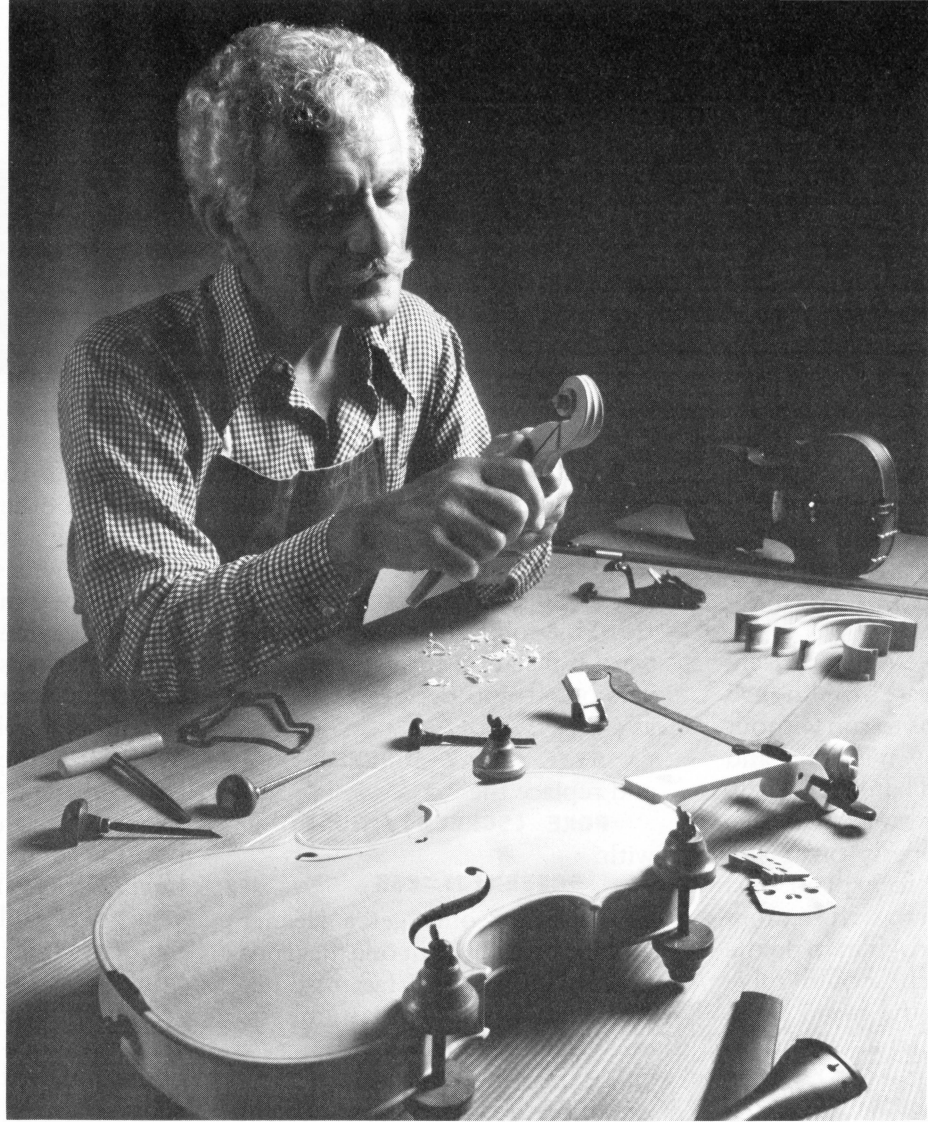
## On a serious note.

Last November, I was invited to appear as a guest speaker at the 2nd anniversary party of the Tulsa Regional Atari User's Group. TRACE is a very large and active organization, with an excellent newsletter and a devoted, enthusiastic membership.

One of TRACE's many special interest groups is devoted to helping the hundreds of handicapped people in the Tulsa area. While in Tulsa, I witnessed a demonstration of the inexpensive hardware and software they have developed to make it easier for the handicapped to communicate with the outside world. Their apparatus consists of a little rubber tube connected to a switchbox. By gently blowing or sipping on the tube, I was able to "type" words and messages on a TV screen. It sounds simple, and it is — but the value of TRACE's Sip-And-Puff Communicator to a severely handicapped person cannot be overestimated.

We're delighted to be able to share TRACE's invention with the rest of the Atari Community. Take a few minutes to read Michael Long's article on **Communications for the Handicapped**. It could make life a lot easier for a handicapped person in your area, perhaps even someone you know. □





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# READER COMMENT

In reference to my program, **BASIC Cassette Recovery**, I would like to note that the instruction to 'RUN' the program after typing it in and saving it was missing from the article.

Another problem has arisen, which I was not aware of. Although the program seems to run without error here on my machine, and several others (Thanks for calling...), there are machines that it won't run properly on. I am, frankly, at a loss to explain this. As a result, I plan to write a more comprehensive program to do the same thing, which should solve the problem. In the mean time, when the program asks you to press return, press **SYSTEM RESET** instead.

The question has arisen about the possibility of recovering a bootable cassette program. I would like to let your readers know that it isn't possible to recover these programs because there is no way of knowing what the program did (from the point of view of a recovery program). The problem is akin to reconstructing a house from a foundation and no plans. You can get close, but close doesn't count in a machine language program.

In closing, I'd just like to say, "Keep up the good work" with an excellent magazine.

Bob Fine  
Tomkins Cove, NY

## Action! Update

Thank you for your very nice review of **Action!** in Issue 16, but I would like to clear up a couple of details. First, just to make sure your readers aren't misled; I do not work for OSS.

Secondly, a few comments about listing number seven. Although I feel it is fair to code it the way you did, I feel your readers are missing out on some of the power of **Action!** by doing such a straightforward translation from the BASIC version. If you declare **SCREEN** as a **BYTE ARRAY**:

```
BYTE ARRAY SCREEN
and replace the
POKE (SCREEN+J,255)
with:
```

```
SCREEN(J)=255
you will not only get a cleaner looking program, but one that runs faster (21 jiffies, 34% faster). Since Action! supports 16 bit numbers, you could declare SAVMSC as a CARDinal and replace:
```

```
SCREEN=SAVMSC*256+SAVMSC
with:
```

```
SCREEN=SAVMSC
Now, this doesn't have much impact on the timing of this program, but it would on any program that does a large number of 16 bit references.
```

Clinton Parker  
Action! Computer Services

## Software Piracy

I am sitting here re-reading Greg Walford's letter in Issue 13 and Alex Leaven's reply in Issue 15, on the matter of Piracy. Unfortunately, in my opinion, too much has been left unsaid...

Re G.W.'s letter; It must be the umpteenth time I've read this particular justification of piracy. It's become a litany. One wonders just how much guilt these people must carry, that they feel continually constrained to write letters excusing their thievery and to assuage their burdened consciences.

Me? Unfortunately, like A.L., I sit on the other side of the fence, developing software for free. That's how it sometimes appears as I rip open an envelope bearing a royalty payment only to find a check perhaps *one-fifth* what it rightfully should be. Forget for the moment fellows like Budge & Wetmore, the deservedly well-paid Superstars who don't have to worry about mundane things like putting food on the table and buying shoes for an active four year old child. For the vast majority, professional programming is a very tough career, replete with growing pains, slow progress, long and *brutally* hard hours and the tantalizing dream of success.

The success does not come overnight...

Dan Gorlin spent the better part of one year developing a brilliant graphical *tour-de-force* that also happens to be an eminently playable game. The effort that went into this masterpiece defies tenacity and is a touch more than genius. D.G. owns **Choplifter**, having paid for it with a commensurate share of labor and sweat. I, for one, pay tribute by paying to play.

But what of the characters of G.W.'s ilk? Far be it from them to pay for something more easily obtained. So be it... the pirate says to hell with Broderbund & Gorlin; they're making too much anyway. Broderbund, having spent a sizeable sum on development and promotion with no guarantees, does not agree! Gorlin, while being a generous sort, is not indisposed to being paid for his labors.

G.W. also suggests a lower



program pricepoint would eradicate the impetus to pirate. Well, how then will Greg justify his purchase of the Happy Enhancement? Will it become a paper-weight? The warped logic of so-what-it's-only-one-copy is absolutely blind to the truth. In reality, when the *average* pirate makes a copy for two friends, and so on and so on, eventually hundreds of illegal copies may be in circulation. This is the crux of the matter. Of course, one copy makes little difference. In practice, however, the "one" copy is eventually multiplied by thousands, and the final effect is patently clear. Witness the fact that most of Atari's releases in early 1983 were available on illegal Bulletin Boards *before* Atari actually published them. I, myself, had the distinct displeasure of seeing one of my own games being demonstrated in a local store by a neighborhood pirate before the game was actually released by Adventure International! Is there any doubt that A.I. and I received *less* than what we were entitled to?

Please, please, no more letters justifying piracy. I and no one else can prevent the onslaught of the rationalizations that permit piracy to continue. We are, indeed, talking about *theft*, reprehensible and damaging to the developers of the software. Most of us are merely human beings (Budge is probably an E.T.) fighting to survive in a rapidly changing environment, hopefully to prosper. It ain't easy. If you need any further proof of your folly, just look at the market for Atari software. It has changed radically. Far fewer products are being released as publishers realize that perhaps anywhere from 3 to 10 illegal copies are being made for each copy legally sold. Many stores and distributors are now cutting back to a large extent on Atari software, due in part to the effect piracy has had on sales.

We are at a crossroads. Make

no mistake, the future of the Atari as a serious development tool may be at stake. If you feel you *must* have the program, pay for it. Any alternative is *non compos mentis*.

Alan M. Newman  
Brooklyn, NY

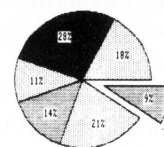
### Create-A-Font

First, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for publishing the most valuable and informative magazine available to the serious Atari owner. I have learned more about programming from your articles than from all the books I've read combined (and that's quite a stack). My special thanks to Tom Hudson, for well documented source code listings that are easily modified and expanded. Keep up the good work!

The **Create-A-Font** program which appeared in last issue was by far the most creatively designed BASIC utility program I've ever seen. It is such a pleasure to use that what was once a chore is now almost like playing a game. One thing about the program did disturb me, however. When modifying the alphabetic characters, the menu portion of the screen would eventually become unreadable. I decided to insert a display list interrupt in the program to switch character sets in the lower part of the screen. Now, the menu is always perfectly readable, even if all the characters are modified. Add the following lines of code:

```
45 DIM DLI$(12):RESTORE 20
80:FOR X=1 TO 12:READ N:DLI$(X)=CHR$(N):NEXT X:RESTORE
110 CH$A5=X*C256:A=USR(ADR(CLEAR$),PH-C256*C2,C256*C4):POKE 705,148:POKE 710,C0:POKE 712,148
155 GOSUB 2000
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2000 IF PEEK(DL-C8)<>2 THEN 2070
2010 POKE 1791,X
2020 POKE DL-C8,PEEK(DL-C8)+128
2030 ADL=ADR(DLI$)
2040 POKE 513,INT(ADL/C256)
2050 POKE 512,ADL-(PEEK(513)*C256)
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Randolph Constan  
East Islip, NY

I've been an Atari 800 owner for about 18 months and your magazine has become a standard tool in helping me get the most from my system. My applications for the Atari at this time are graphics and word processing with other business uses planned in the future.

I would like to use my system in the design and execution of programmed slide presentations using multiple projectors and dissolve units. I've been looking into the equipment of some manufacturers and have seen several that offer

software and cards for the Apple computers, but nothing seems to be available for the Atari. It would seem possible to interface with the joystick ports and use the sound capabilities for the computer to generate the audio "cues" on tape to control the projectors, and store the information on disk for future presentations.

Perhaps you or your readers can provide some ideas and suggestions for this concept as I'm sure this would be an interesting application for the Atari computer, and a challenge for the serious programmer.

Very truly yours,  
David LaComb  
Utica, N.Y.

### Lock Ups

I've had my Atari 800 computer for about 10 months. I bought my first issue of **ANALOG** (July/August 1983) and typed in **Cat and Mouse**. After I saved it on cassette, I ran the program and to my dismay my computer locked up. A while later, a friend was over and was typing in a game from a book. He ran the program after every line to see how it was coming along. When he reached the line with the **USR** command he typed it in and ran it (the program). The computer locked up. After seeing this we proceeded to take out the line with the **USR** command in **Cat and Mouse**. The game ran fine except for the lack of a displayed score. I have had a few other lock ups but not all of the **USR** commands were followed by an **ADR** command, such as **Fast Repeat** in your February 1984 issue. **Stuntman** from your **Compendium** also locked up but ran fine without the **USR** command. I'm not sure what to do. I hardly ever take my basic cartridge out of my computer. Could I have something wrong with my basic cartridge because of leaving it in? Or is my ROM messed up somehow? I really enjoy your magazine and look

forward to it every month. I've written to find out what is wrong and to see if my computer needs possible repairs.

Kirk Lampert  
Seville, Ohio

Both "**Stuntman**" and "**Cat and Mouse**" work as listed. These programs contain **USR** functions with control characters. If any of these characters are mistyped, a lockup will almost certainly occur. Use the **C:CHECK** or **D:CHECK** Program, included in the **Compendium**, to check your typing.

—TH

In response to Chris Johnson's letter in issue #16, I would just like to say that **Starbowl Football** is one of the best computer games I have played. There are ways to beat the pro team consistently. One, go after the interception, the only way you can score is to have the ball. Secondly, find a play that is reliable for 10 or more yards. Hint: try programming the top receiver for a slant-in to catch the ball, a middle rush, and a screen on the bottom receiver. If the line-backer is on a blitz, a caught pass will result in 6 points.

**Gamestar's Baseball** is equally as exciting and I hope to purchase it soon.

Thank you,  
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# The Second ANALOG Guide to Atari Computer Publications

by Lee Pappas

**ANALOG** continues its *Guide To Atari Computer Publications* in the effort to keep our readers up to date on new books of interest. This issue lists books released since the previous guide printed in issue 12 (July/August 83). And don't forget the **ANALOG Compendium** (\$14.95), containing over 50 programs covering graphics, disk and programming utilities, and the finest magazine games ever.

**HARDY, JACK B. ADVENTURES WITH THE ATARI.** 356pp. RESTON84, 14.95

Ever wish you could write your own adventure game? Well this book not only shows you how, but includes several listings for games (some using graphics) such as Escape, The Hunter, Time Crime, and The Creator. Some listings are in Atari BASIC, while others are written in PILOT and Microsoft BASIC to show how some languages are better than others for certain applications. Additional information covers flowcharting, mapping, and game design.

**FERNANDEZ, JUDI N., DONNA TABLER, and RUTH ASHLEY. 6502 ASSEMBLY LANGUAGE PROGRAMMING.** 277pp. WILEY83, 12.95

Examples and diagrams assist in understanding the complex structure of machine language. Frequent questions give this book a textbook resemblance with answers provided at the end of each chapter.

**LEVENTHAL, LANCE A., ASSEMBLY LANGUAGE PROGRAMMING,** 640pp. OSBORNE, 18.95

One of the finest instructional guides to learning the 6502 language of the Atari computers. An easy to understand guide into the complex and challenging world of assembly coding.

**EVANS, CARL M. ATARI BASIC FASTER AND BETTER.** 300pp. IJG83, 19.95

A hefty book dedicated to Atari BASIC, 16 chapters cover extensive use of string manipulation, USR (machine language subroutines) calls, sound usage, screen handling and data

structure. How to set up your own AUTORUN.SYS files, disk catalogs, and scrolling fields are also covered. Program listing, sound effect demos, and a multitude of charts and tables will get you on your way to advanced programming in BASIC.

**SEYER, PHILIP C., ATARI PLAYER-MISSILE GRAPHICS IN BASIC.** 173pp. RESTON83, 14.95

Philip Seyer has done an admirable job documenting, in an easy to understand format, how to go about plotting and moving the Atari's player-missile graphics. Tables and program listings illustrate how to accomplish these, along with additional information that will help the average user get more out of their computer.

**PHILIPS, GARY, and JERRY WHITE, THE ATARI USER'S ENCYCLOPEDIA,** 267pp. BOOK CO84, 19.95

If you're a regular reader of **ANALOG**, then this book should appeal to you. An amazing compilation takes us into the world of Atari-computerland, very complete and up to date. This book makes enjoyable reading, along with being highly informative. Written with the aid of Jerry White, one of the most knowledgeable Atari-ites around.

**LAMOITIER, JEAN-PIERRE, BASIC EXERCISES FOR THE ATARI,** 251 pp. SYBEX83, 12.95

Contains many program listings in BASIC including chapters on games, financial computations and flowcharts. Mathematical programs cover geometry, integers, and statistics.

(submitted by Larry A. Campbell of St. Louis, Mo.)



**THE BEST ATARI SOFTWARE.** Spiralbound, 192pp. By the Editors of Consumer Guide, 83. .

Written by several people involved in the Atari computing world, this book covers what the authors feel is some of the better pieces of Atari-computer compatible software. The categories include word processing, home, business, education, modem (networking) programs, utility/programming aids, and entertainment. Entertainment is broken down into strategy and arcade games. Again, this is one of those books that must be taken with a grain of salt, as opinions always vary greatly.

**CANE, MIKE, THE COMPUTER PHONE BOOK.** 451pp. NEW AMERICAN83, 9.95

Besides many pages devoted to the explanation of what online systems are and how to use them, over one hundred pages list phone numbers, locations, system baud rates, and background information on the systems. Though not written specifically for the Atari systems, this book may be a help to those who are actively involved in telecommunications.

**ORWIG, GARY W., and WILLIAM S. HODGES, THE COMPUTER TUTOR: ATARI HOME COMPUTER EDITION.** LITTLE BROWN83, 15.50

Applicable to the entire Atari computer series, this book contains listings of an educational nature.

**HOGAN, THOM, DISCOVER FORTH.** 146pp. OSBORNE83, 16.95

For the beginner or experienced programmer, this book acts as both a learning guide and reference tool into the learning and programming of FORTH.

**HELLER, DAVID L., JOHN JOHNSON, and ROBERT KURCINA, DR. C. WACKO'S MIRACLE GUIDE TO DESIGNING AND PROGRAMMING YOUR OWN ATARI COMPUTER ARCADE GAMES.** 235pp. ADDISON-WESLEY83, 24.95

This book has a fresh look as though it were written in an insane asylum. The book reeks with twisted graphics and humor, and certainly gets its intended point across: teaching you how to program your own arcade-style games. Chapters cover animation, player-missile graphics, sounds (sounds), character graphics and movement. The \$24.95 price tag includes an Atari-compatible disk containing many of the useful demos in the book (listings are also provided in the text).

**HELLER, DAVID and DOROTHY, FREE SOFTWARE FOR YOUR ATARI.** 208pp. ENRICH/OHAUS83, 8.95

As the title suggests, this book shows where and how to get software through educational sources, magazines, users groups, and BBSs (Bulletin Board Systems). The chapter on BBSs, for instance, explains how they work, lists many sources to call, and how to set up your own system. Also included is a discussion with a couple of Atari executives. This guide to free software will set you back \$8.95 though.

**BANSE, TIMOTHY P., HOME APPLICATIONS AND GAMES FOR THE ATARI.** 134pp. LITTLE BROWN83, 14.50

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**DITLEA, STEVE, HOME COMPUTER SOFTWARE GUIDE.** 196pp. OSBORNE84, 11.95

Covers all the popular computers along with the Atari. Eight chapters "review" and discuss software categories such as entertainment, education, communications, finance, word processing and investment. Occasional screen display examples and charts assist in software selection, though the book is not all inclusive for the Atari computers.

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**MAYER, NANCY KOZAK, Ed.D., RAINY DAY ACTIVITIES FOR THE ATARI.** 156pp. RESTON84, 12.95

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**WILLIS, JERRY, MERL MILLER and NANCY MORRICE. THINGS TO DO WITH YOUR ATARI COMPUTER.** 230pp. NEW AMERICAN83, 3.95

Chapters cover Arts and Crafts, Fun and Games, Business and Professional Uses, Telecommunications and other topics. Many photos show screen displays and hardware, including a section on popular games from many different companies. A nice resource for those just purchasing an Atari home computer.

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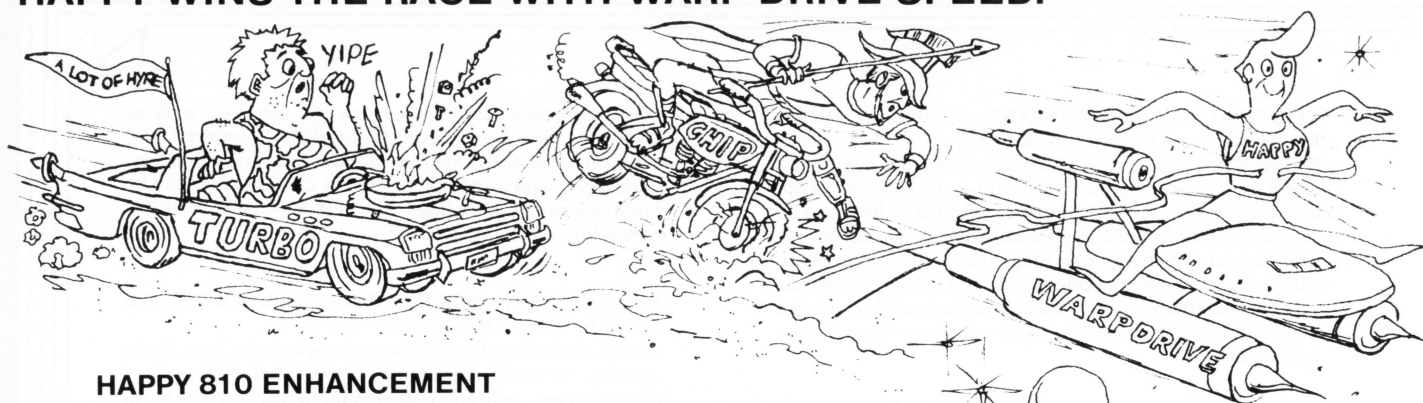
For those who know little to nothing about their Atari computers, this paperback defines things like the OPTION, SELECT, START and BREAK keys, how to do simple math without programming, and what the cursor is. It also explains computer setup, disk and cassette storage, and a rather outdated section on Atari and compatible peripherals.

**WEBER, JEFFREY R. and STEPHEN J. SZCZECINSKI, USER'S HANDBOOK TO THE ATARI 400/800 COMPUTERS.** Many examples, 319pp. WEBER83, 13.95

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# Communications for the Handicapped

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by Michael Long

Imagine yourself flat on your back, unable to move a muscle. Imagine yourself fully aware of all that happens around you, but unable to respond or communicate in any way. Sounds like the opening of a *Twilight Zone* episode, doesn't it? Yet people find themselves in this condition every day as a result of an automobile accident or other injury. This article will show you how you can help to end this isolation in your own community, with the help of your Atari.

The **Puff-and-Sip Communication Program** in **Listing 1** will allow anyone who can operate two switches to create text on a television screen using an Atari computer. The switches can be actuated by any means you choose, but for demonstration purposes we will use a joystick plugged into port one. Later I will describe a simple input device that the handicapped can use, but first let's get the program up and running.

Type in **Listing 1**, save it and RUN it. You will see a title screen for a few seconds while the computer gets everything set up. Then you will see a screen that allows you to vary the speed of the program. Pull back on the joystick and you will see a square cursor moving across the numbers at the bottom of the screen. Speed 1 is very slow. Each succeeding number doubles the speed. I have been able to operate with a joystick at speed 4, but speed 3 seems the best compromise with other devices. When the cursor is on 3, push forward on the stick.

You should now see a black screen with a cursor in the upper left corner and a menu across the bottom that looks like this:

S TAOSWIHCBFPMR P

There is another cursor around the "S" on the left. The green "S" stands for space. If you push on the stick a space will be added to the message and the message cursor will move one space to the right. Try it.

If you pull on the stick the menu cursor will move to the right across the list of orange letters. If you move the cursor off the right edge of the screen it will wrap to the left edge and the menu will "flip" to show the rest of the alphabet. Choose one of the orange letters and push on the stick. The letter you have chosen will be added to the message and the message cursor will move one space to the right, ready for another character.

Now that you know how to put characters on the screen, let's look at the rest of the menus. Pull on the stick until the cursor is on the green "P" on the far right and push. The menu "flips" to a punctuation menu that looks like this:

S .,:;!'" FB C N

The green "S" is for "space," and the punctuation marks work just like the letters. The green "F," "B," and "C" are commands. Put the cursor on the "F" and the message cursor moves forward one space each time you push the stick. Put the cursor on the



"B" and the cursor moves backward one space for each push. The "C" clears the screen, but only after giving you a chance to back out if you selected it by mistake.

Again, if you move the cursor off the right edge it will wrap to the left and the rest of the punctuation menu will appear. Put the cursor on the "N" on the right and the number menu appears.

The number menu also includes several punctuation marks that might be useful with numbers; it looks like this:

S 0123456789\$%. L

Put the cursor on the "L" and push, and you are back to the letter menu.

### Menu selection.

You may have noticed that you don't always get the same menu after you enter a character. Here's how the menu selection works and why.

The letter menus are held in one long string (DIG\$) and selected according to the last character entered. You may have noticed that you can construct a message fairly quickly if the letters you want are near the start of the menu, but if they are near the end it can take quite a while. There are tables available in cryptography books that rank the alphabet in order of probability as the initial letter of a word, or following any particular letter. This is how the letter menus are arranged. There is a 90% probability that the required letter will be on the first page of the menu and a 50% probability that it will be in the first five characters.

There are other peculiarities in the way that the menus change. These are based on common sense rather than probability:

(1) After any character is selected, the cursor will always return to the "space." This is based on the assumption that there will be more spaces in a message than any other single character.

(2) After any punctuation mark is selected, the menu returns to the initial letter menu. Punctuation marks seldom follow each other. They are usually followed by a space.

(3) When a cursor control command ("F" or "B") is selected, the cursor remains on the same character. This makes it easier to move through the message to make corrections.

(4) When a number is selected, the letter menu does not automatically appear. Numbers are often used in groups (e.g.; \$125.62).

### Puff-and-sip.

Now that you know how the program works, how could a person who cannot move his hands operate it? He (or she) certainly can't use a joystick. One answer is a "puff-and-sip" switch. Here's how it works and how to make one. You will need the following parts:

1. Two air-actuated microswitches, one pressure-actuated and one vacuum-actuated.

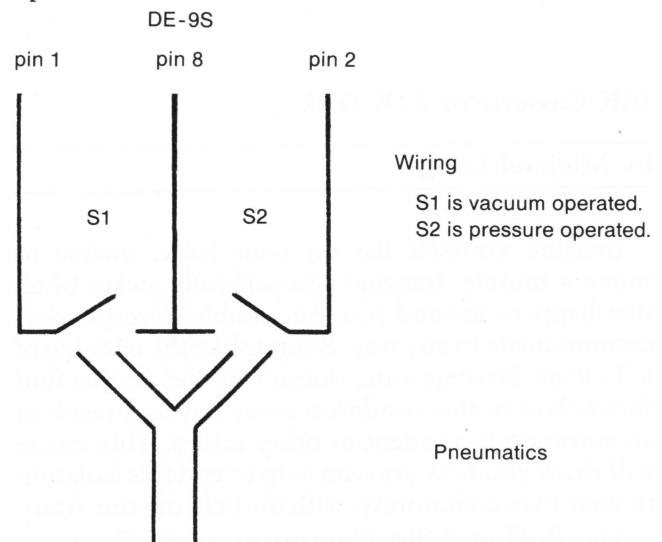
These should be normally open.

2. One DE-98 joystick connector.
3. Twelve feet of 22-gauge wire.
4. Four feet of surgical tubing.
5. One Y-type connector for the tubing.
6. One small box to hold the switches.

The air-actuated microswitches can be a little hard to find. If you can't find them locally, contact:

**Dumont Instrumentation, Inc.**  
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Connect one side of the vacuum-activated switch to pin 1 of the DE-9 connector, and one side of the pressure activated switch to pin 2. Connect the other side of both switches to pin 8 (GND). Connect the air inputs of both switches to the "arms" of the Y-connector with tubing. Finally, connect a few feet of tubing to the base of the Y and box the whole thing up.



Check the connections to make sure they are correct and plug the box into controller port 1. If you blow into the tube, the effect is the same as pulling back on the stick. If you inhale on the tube, you push on the stick.

The **Puff-and-Sip Communication Program**, as listed here, will allow a quadriplegic patient with minimal computer skills to talk to a friend or therapist. It is certainly not the only use for this idea. With a little more work, the program could drive a printer, or be the basis for a word processor. It could be used as an input subroutine for a modem program, or even for an operating system that would allow the full power of the computer to be used without any keyboard input. It is offered here as an example of what you can do with average programming skills to improve the quality of life for the handicapped people in your community.



I would be interested in hearing from anyone with interest in this area. I can be contacted at (918) 834-0503, or on SIG\*ATARI, CIS # 72435,35.

### Partial variable list.

**CURS** — The horizontal position of the message cursor.

**CURSLOC** — The horizontal position of the menu cursor.

**CURSIMG** — The address where the cursor image is stored.

**DIG\$** — The letter menus in probability order.

**MENU\$** — The menu currently in use.

**MINDEX** — A pointer to the first or second half of the menu.

**NUM\$** — The number menu.

**PMBASE** — The address of the start of player/missile memory.

**PUFF** — The value of STICK(0) to be interpreted as a puff.

**PUNC\$** — The punctuation menu.

**SIP** — The value of STICK(0) to be interpreted as a sip.

**T\$** — The menu entry for the next menu.

**VERT** — The address of the P/M vertical move routine.

**VP** — The vertical position of the cursor as an offset from PMBASE.

### How it works.

**Lines 100-230 (Main Loop).** Prints the current menu, reads STICK(0), updates the menu cursor, and calls the subroutines to get characters from the current menu.

**Lines 300-340 (Get Letters).** Call the subroutine to print the current character to the screen and sets MENU\$ equal to the next menu.

**Lines 400-530 (Get Punctuation).** Calls the subroutines to print the current character to the screen, move the message cursor backward or forward, or clear the screen. Sets MENU\$ equal to the next menu.

**Lines 600-630 (Get Numbers).** Calls the subroutine to print the current character to the screen and sets MENU\$ equal to the next menu.

**Lines 700-760 (Move Message Cursor).** The subroutine to move the message cursor. Uses a ML routine for vertical moves.

**Lines 800-850 (Clear Screen).** Prompts for confirmation, clears the current message, and moves the message cursor to the upper left.

**Line 1000 (Print Character).** Prints the current character to the current message cursor position and calls the message cursor move routine.

**Lines 20000-20120 (Set Speed).** Prints the

speed selection screen, reads STICK(0), and sets SPEED.

**Lines 30000-30010 (Begin Initialization).** Moves RAMTOP down four pages to make room for P/M memory, sets the left margin to zero, and sets graphics mode 2.

**Lines 30100-30110 (Customize Display List).** Changes the text window to large text (GR. 2). This allows using PRINT #6 to print to the message window, and PRINT to print to the menu window.

**Lines 30200-30230 (Title Page).** Prints the title page.

**Lines 30300-30350 (Set-up P/M Graphics).** Pokes the cursor images into P/M memory and sets the initial colors and horizontal positions.

**Lines 30400-30720 (Initialize Variables).** Sets the initial values of variables.

**Lines 30800-30910 (Cursor Vertical Move Routine).** Sets up the ML routine to move the cursor vertically. The routine was written by David H. Markley and published in *COMPUTE!'S First Book of Atari Graphics*, page 154. □

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1 REM *****
2 REM *          ATARI          *
3 REM *      Puff-and-Sip      *
4 REM *      Communication    *
5 REM *      Program          *
6 REM *      Version 2.0      *
7 REM *      (c)1983         *
8 REM *      Michael Long    *
9 REM *****
10 GOSUB 30000:GOSUB 20000: ? #6;"K";:P
OKE 705,8
95 REM * MAIN LOOP
100 ? " " s ";MENU$(MINDEX,MINDEX+12);"
";T$;: ? : ? : ?
110 POKE 77,0:FOR DELAY=1 TO SPEED:NEX
T DELAY:SOUND 0,0,0,0:LOOP=110
120 A=STICK(0):IF A<0:PUFF THEN GOTO 17
0
130 IF CURSLOC=184 AND MINDEX=1 THEN C
URSLOC=56:MINDEX=14:LOOP=100:GOTO 160
140 IF CURSLOC=184 AND MINDEX=14 THEN
CURSLOC=56:MINDEX=1:LOOP=100:GOTO 160
150 CURSLOC=CURSLOC+8
160 POKE 53248,CURSLOC:GOTO LOOP
170 IF A<>SIP THEN GOTO LOOP
180 IF CURSLOC=56 THEN ? #6;" ";:MENU$
=DIG$(1,26):T$="p":MINDEX=1:LOOP=100:G
OSUB 700:GOTO 230
190 IF CURSLOC=64 OR CURSLOC=176 THEN
GOTO 230
200 IF T$="p" THEN GOSUB 300:GOTO 230
210 IF T$="n" THEN GOSUB 400:GOTO 230
220 IF T$="1" THEN GOSUB 600
230 SOUND 0,100,10,8:POKE 53248,CURSLO
C:GOTO LOOP
295 REM * GET LETTERS
300 IF CURSLOC=184 THEN MENU$=PUNC$:T$
="n":GOTO 330
310 GOSUB 1000
320 C=(ASC(MENU$(B,B))-64)*26:MENU$=DI
G$(C+1,C+26)
330 CURSLOC=56:MINDEX=1:LOOP=100
340 RETURN
395 REM * GET PUNCTUATION
400 IF CURSLOC=184 THEN MENU$=NUM$:T$=
"1":GOTO 520
410 IF MINDEX=1 THEN GOTO 430
420 GOSUB 1000:GOTO 510

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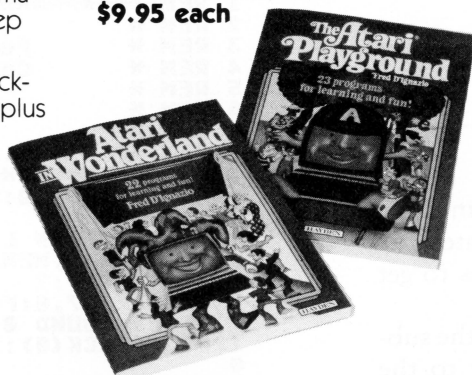
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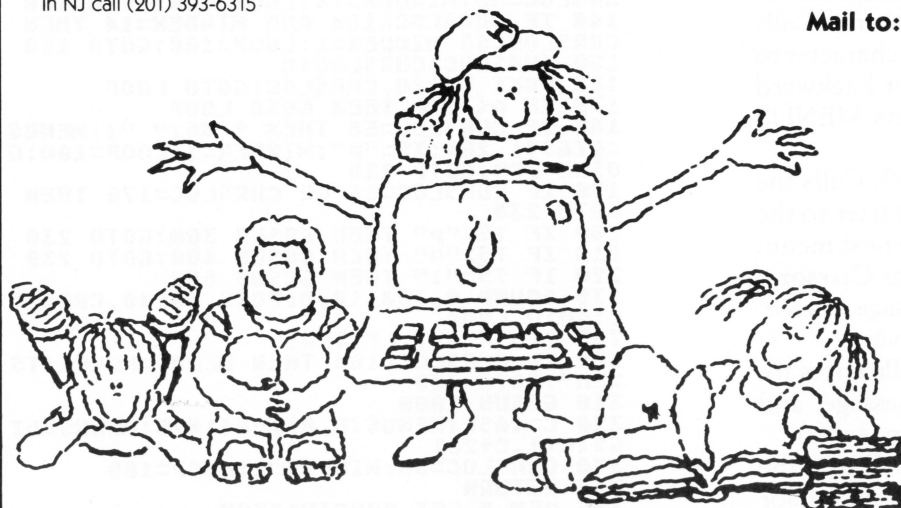
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430 IF CURSLOC=136 OR CURSLOC=160 THEN
  GOTO 530
440 IF CURSLOC=144 AND PEEK(85)<>19 TH
  EN POKE 85,PEEK(85)+1:GOSUB 720:GOTO 5
  30
450 IF CURSLOC=144 AND PEEK(85)=19 THE
  N POKE 84,PEEK(84)+1:POKE 85,0:GOSUB 7
  00:GOTO 530
460 IF CURSLOC=152 AND PEEK(85)<>0 THE
  N POKE 85,PEEK(85)-1:GOSUB 740:GOTO 53
  0
470 IF CURSLOC=152 AND PEEK(85)=0 AND
  PEEK(84)=0 THEN GOTO 530
480 IF CURSLOC=152 AND PEEK(85)=0 THEN
  POKE 84,PEEK(84)-1:POKE 85,19:GOSUB 7
  50:GOTO 530
490 IF CURSLOC=168 THEN GOSUB 800:GOTO
  510
500 GOSUB 1000
510 MENU$=DIG$(1,26):T$="p"
520 CURSLOC=56:MINDEX=1:LOOP=100
530 RETURN
595 REM * GET NUMBERS
600 IF CURSLOC=184 THEN MENU$=DIG$(1,2
  6):T$="p":LOOP=100:GOTO 620
610 GOSUB 1000
620 CURSLOC=56:MINDEX=1
630 RETURN
695 REM * CURSOR MOVE ROUTINES
700 IF PEEK(84)=10 THEN POKE 84,9:POKE
  85,19:GOTO 760
710 IF PEEK(85)=0 THEN GOTO 730
720 CURS=CURS+8:GOTO 760
730 CURS=48:X=USR(VERT,CURSIMG,PMBASE+
  UP,PMBASE+UP+8):UP=UP+8:GOTO 760
740 CURS=CURS-8:GOTO 760
750 CURS=200:X=USR(VERT,CURSIMG,PMBASE
  +UP,PMBASE+UP-8):UP=UP-8
760 POKE 53249,CURS:RETURN
795 REM * CLEAR SCREEN ROUTINE
800 SOUND 0,100,10,8:POKE 704,0
810 ? " ARE YOU SURE? PUFF=YES
  SIP=NO":? :? :FOR DELAY=1 TO SPEED/2:
  NEXT DELAY:SOUND 0,0,0,0
820 A=STICK(0):IF A=PUFF THEN POKE 704
  ,8:GOTO 850
830 IF A=SIP THEN POKE 704,8:RETURN
840 GOTO 820
850 ? #6;"K":CURS=48:POKE 53249,CURS:
  X=USR(VERT,CURSIMG,PMBASE+UP,PMBASE+65
  6):UP=656:RETURN
995 REM * PRINT CHARACTER
1000 B=MINDEX+(CURSLOC-76)/8:? #6;CHR$
  (ASC(MENU$(B,B))+128):GOSUB 700:RETUR
  N
19995 REM * SET SPEED
20000 ? #6;"K":? #6;" SET SPEED
20010 ? #6;" PUFF=change
20020 ? #6;" SIP =set
20030 POSITION 0,9:? #6;" SLOW
  FAST"
20040 ? " 1 2 3 4 5":? :?
20050 POKE 704,8
20060 FOR DELAY=1 TO 100:NEXT DELAY:A=
  STICK(0):IF A<>PUFF THEN GOTO 20090
20070 CURSLOC=CURSLOC+16:IF CURSLOC>16
  0 THEN CURSLOC=96
20080 POKE 53248,CURSLOC
20090 IF A<>SIP THEN GOTO 20060
20100 B=ABS(CURSLOC-160)/16:SPEED=25*2
  ^B
20110 SOUND 0,100,10,8:CURSLOC=56:A=ST
  ICK(0):IF A=15 THEN POKE 53248,CURSLOC
  :RETURN
20120 GOTO 20110
29995 REM * INITIALIZATION
30000 A=PEEK(106)-4:POKE 106,A
30010 POKE 82,0:GRAPHICS 2
30095 REM * CUSTOMIZE DISPLAY LIST
30100 DL=PEEK(560)+PEEK(561)*256
30110 POKE DL+15,71:POKE DL+18,7:POKE
  DL+19,65:POKE DL+20,PEEK(DL+22):POKE 0
  L+21,PEEK(DL+23)
30195 REM * TITLE PAGE

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30200 ? #6;"K":? #6;" ATARI"
30210 ? #6;" PUFF-AND-SIP":? #6;"
  COMMUNICATION"
30220 ? #6;" PROGRAM":? #6;" "
30230 ? #6;" (C)1983":? #6;" M
  ICHAE L LONG"
30295 REM * SET UP P/M GRAPHICS
30300 POKE 54279,A:PMBASE=A*256
30310 FOR I=PMBASE+512 TO PMBASE+768:P
  OKE I,0:NEXT I
30320 RESTORE 31000:FOR I=PMBASE+608 T
  O PMBASE+615:READ A:POKE I,A:NEXT I
30330 RESTORE 31000:FOR I=PMBASE+656 T
  O PMBASE+663:READ A:POKE I,A:NEXT I
30340 POKE 53248,128:POKE 53249,48:POK
  E 704,0:POKE 705,0
30350 POKE 559,46:POKE 53277,2:POKE 62
  3,4
30395 REM * INITIALIZE VARIABLES
30400 DIM DIG$(702),PUNC$(26),NUM$(26)
  ,MENU$(26),T$(1)
30410 CURSLOC=128:MINDEX=1:CURS=48:UP=
  656:PUFF=13:SIP=14
30420 DIG$(1,26)="TAOSWIHCBFPMRELDUGY
  JUQKXZ":REM * INITIAL LETTERS
30430 DIG$(27,52)="NTRLSIDCYMGPUVBUKFWX
  ZEHJAOQ":REM * A *
30440 DIG$(53,78)="ELYOAU RISBJMTCVDEGH
  KNPQWXZ":REM * B *
30450 DIG$(79,104)="OEHATIRLUKCYSMNDQB
  FGJPUWXZ":REM * C *
30460 DIG$(105,130)="EIAOUSRYDMGLVNWJC
  BTFHQKPKXZ":REM * D *
30470 DIG$(131,156)="RNSDALECTMUMPIXFG
  YUOBKQXJZ":REM * E *
30480 DIG$(157,182)="OIERFATULYSMNBCDG
  HJKPQVWXZ":REM * F *
30490 DIG$(183,208)="ERHOAIUNSTLGYMDBC
  FJKPQVWXZ":REM * G *
30500 DIG$(209,234)="EAIOTRUYNSLMCWDBH
  FGJPKQVWXZ":REM * H *
30510 DIG$(235,260)="NSTOCLDEARNGVFPBZ
  KXIQUHYJW":REM * I *
30520 DIG$(261,286)="UOEAIRBCDFGHJKLMN
  PQSTVWXYZ":REM * J *
30530 DIG$(287,312)="EISNAHLOKYRBDFTU
  CGJPQVWXZ":REM * K *
30540 DIG$(313,338)="EILAYODSUTGFMKUPR
  CBWNHJQXZ":REM * L *
30550 DIG$(339,364)="EAIOPMBUSYNCRFLTU
  DGHJKQWXZ":REM * M *
30560 DIG$(365,390)="DTGESICAONYUMFLVK
  WHRJQBXPZ":REM * N *
30570 DIG$(391,416)="NRFUMLTSWUPDOCBIA
  GKYEHJXZQ":REM * O *
30580 DIG$(417,442)="REOALPUITHSMYCNBD
  FGJKQVWXZ":REM * P *
30590 DIG$(443,468)="UABCDEFGHIJKLMNOP
  QRSTVWXYZ":REM * Q *
30600 DIG$(469,494)="EIOASTNYMDRKUGCLU
  PBFHMXJQZ":REM * R *
30610 DIG$(495,520)="TEISOAUHPCLMKYMDR
  FNBQGXVXZ":REM * S *
30620 DIG$(521,546)="HEIOARSTYULMNCNFV
  ZBPDGJKQZ":REM * T *
30630 DIG$(547,572)="NRTSLCEBPGAMIDFUO
  KVVYHXZJQW":REM * U *
30640 DIG$(573,598)="EIAOYDSMUUVBCFGHJK
  LNPQRTWXZ":REM * V *
30650 DIG$(599,624)="AIEHOSNRLDYTBFCFJ
  KMPQUVWXZ":REM * W *
30660 DIG$(625,650)="PTECIAXHMOBDFGJKL
  NQRUVWXYZ":REM * X *
30670 DIG$(651,676)="EOSIAMPRLNTUCMDYB
  KZFGHJQVX":REM * Y *
30680 DIG$(677,702)="EAIOLUBCDFGHJKMN
  PQRSTVWXYZ":REM * Z *
30690 MENU$=DIG$(1,26)
30700 PUNC$(1,6)=".,;?!":PUNC$(7,7)=C
  HR$(34):PUNC$(8,26)="fb c()+-*/=<>&
  #^"
30710 NUM$="0123456789$.0123456789$%
  "
30720 T$="p"
30795 REM * CURSOR VERTICAL MOVEMENT
30800 VERT=1536
30810 RESTORE 31100:FOR I=0 TO 43:READ
  A:POKE VERT+I,A:NEXT I

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30895 REM * CURSOR IMAGE ROUTINE
30900 CURSIMG=VERT+44
30910 RESTORE 31200:FOR I=0 TO 8:READ
A:POKE CURSIMG+I,A:NEXT I
30920 RETURN
30995 REM * CURSOR DATA
31000 DATA 255,129,129,129,129,129,129,
,255
31095 REM * VERTICAL MOVE DATA
31100 DATA 104,162,5,104,149,220,202,1
6,250,198,220,198,222,160,0,177,224,17
0
31110 DATA 168,165,223,240,9,169,0,145
,222,136,208,249,138,168,165,221,240,7
,177,224,145,220,136,208,249,96
31195 REM * DATA FOR CURSOR IMAGE
31200 DATA 8,255,129,129,129,129,129,1
29,255

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### CHECKSUM DATA (See p. 30)

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1 DATA 255,115,185,694,793,837,47,293,
271,709,510,265,726,191,916,6807
140 DATA 29,137,441,84,509,366,774,778
,690,571,932,814,794,656,352,7927
340 DATA 597,733,448,819,869,135,778,7
57,350,564,885,665,795,455,353,9203
530 DATA 598,933,100,800,197,600,307,5
49,150,429,875,441,773,828,171,7751
800 DATA 925,633,569,883,729,628,721,7
76,874,673,889,757,175,93,208,9533
20060 DATA 640,804,219,221,324,887,189
,671,614,262,47,840,63,161,839,6781
30210 DATA 501,681,258,299,37,988,627,
646,517,873,353,238,456,463,249,7186
30440 DATA 264,441,883,838,931,900,911
,869,901,918,915,947,926,935,901,12480
30590 DATA 938,993,923,890,972,984,979
,968,959,972,874,199,332,662,113,11758
30800 DATA 58,230,407,991,210,57,85,59
1,113,861,940,458,667,5668

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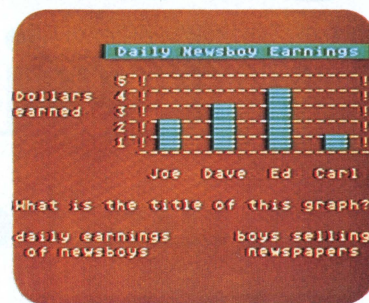
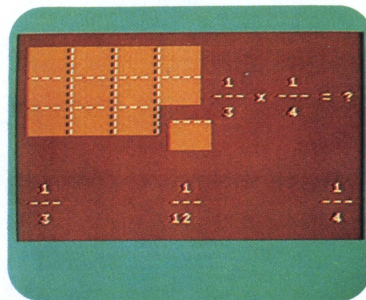
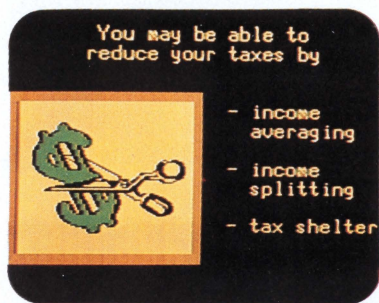
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# Griffin's Lair Educational Programs Review



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This month we are going to look at a couple of programs which deal with "computer literacy." This is a term frequently bantered about, and I am not really sure what it means. Kind of like the coach who was talking about one of his star football players and said, "He doesn't know the meaning of the word fear. Come to think of it, he doesn't know the meaning of a lot of words!" I do know that I am sick of those commercials which disdain "computerese." What a terrible word. Well, if you are one of those who think a benchmark is a basketball stigmata consisting of an indentation of the posterior aspect of the thighs, a result of endlessly waiting to enter the game, you are in big trouble.

Anyway, here are two programs which may help you along the road to being more computer literate, no matter what your age or bias. They are both "mint," and I hope my reviews do them justice.

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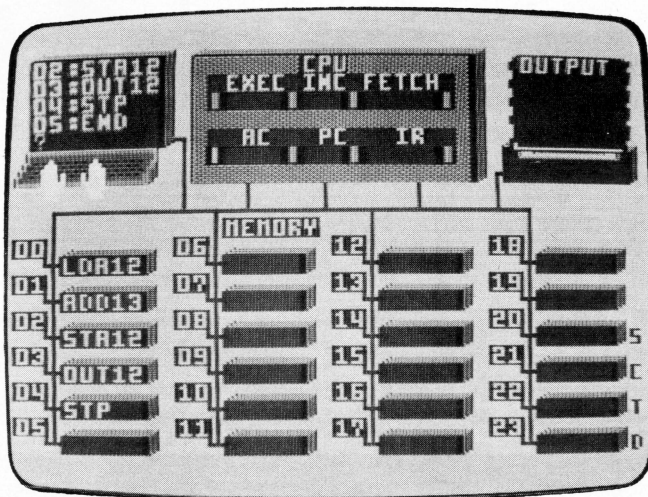
Every month, ANALOG has at least one article with a game where the reader can type in a BASIC program listing (full of DATA statements), save it on

disk or cassette, add a program which automatically boots the program, and eventually end up with an assembly language program which does not require BASIC. This allows the programmer to provide us with real-time simulations and arcade-style games which run thousands of times faster than BASIC. At the end of each of these articles is included the assembly language listing for those interested in seeing how the program works. I am interested. I look, but I do not see. What I see is a lot of letters, a few numbers, and a plethora of semicolons. No problem. I will just learn about assembly language. Since this language speaks to the computer more directly than BASIC, i.e., does not require a translation every time a command is executed, understanding it should help me better understand how the computer works. So, I borrowed a few books and copied a few articles about assembly language and sat down in front of a fire ready to expand my horizons. The first thing I encountered was an explanation of numbering systems. I once studied the binary system in school and I understand it. I can even convert a "real" number to a binary number, given enough time. (As you all know, we use the decimal system with the base 10 because we have ten fingers. Computers use the binary system with the base 2, so they must have two fingers. I bet you can guess which two fingers the



computer has!) Just as I was getting a feel for binary, the author started talking about hexadecimal systems with a base 16. Whoa! I could go no further. Every time I tried to go on I was overwhelmed. I could not see the forest for the trees (to coin a phrase) — just too much detail. Hello, fire.

Enter **Simulated Computer II** by Jim Wieder and Scott Steketee. Here is a program that shows how the computer works and, with unique simplicity, introduces many of the concepts of assembly language. By using the decimal system and scaling down in other areas, this simulation provides an enjoyable way for children (ages 12 and up) to learn about the world of the computer. Twenty-four memory locations are used instead of the thousands available in a real computer. In addition, there are only eleven types of instructions. Most importantly, the instructions are executed at the rate of two per second, a veritable snail's pace.



**Simulated Computer II.**

When the program is loaded, a screen display with all the major parts of the computer is seen. The INPUT DEVICE, a keyboard and monitor, is situated in the upper left corner. As letters or numbers are entered from the actual keyboard, they are seen being typed by animated fingers and are displayed on the simulated monitor. The OUTPUT DEVICE is depicted as a printer. The CPU contains six boxes which show how the computer's "brain" maintains control. Below this is seen twenty-four boxes representing the memory locations of the computer where instructions and numbers are placed.

The eleven available instructions are represented by three-letter mnemonics. One has the capability to LDAXx, or load the accumulator (AC — where all of the arithmetic is done) with the value in memory location xx or, conversely, to STAXx, or store the value of the accumulator into location xx. ADDxx, SUBxx, MULxx, and DIVxx operations can be performed on the accumulator using stored values. One

may input (INPxx), output (OUTxx), and jump (JMPxx) to and from various memory locations. SKP lets one skip instructions depending on the value in the AC. STP is the mnemonic for stop.

When a program is written using these instructions and then run, the fireworks begin. Before one's very eyes, electricity begins flowing between the different system components through wires. Boxes light up with numbers and letters appearing and then rapidly changing. One has just witnessed a simulation of what happens in a real computer. Using the RUNSTP command, the program can be viewed one step at a time. The conversion of the mnemonic instructions to numbers is the first thing seen; e.g., LDA13 would be converted to 113. This means that operations code number 1(LDA), the instruction which loads the accumulator, is to be executed with the value found in memory location 13. Then the program counter (PC) is set to the first instruction and FETCHes it from the memory location "pointed to" by the PC. The instruction is then placed in the instruction register (IR), the program counter is incremented (INC), and then the instruction is EXECuted. This process continues until the program is completed. Pretty nifty, huh?

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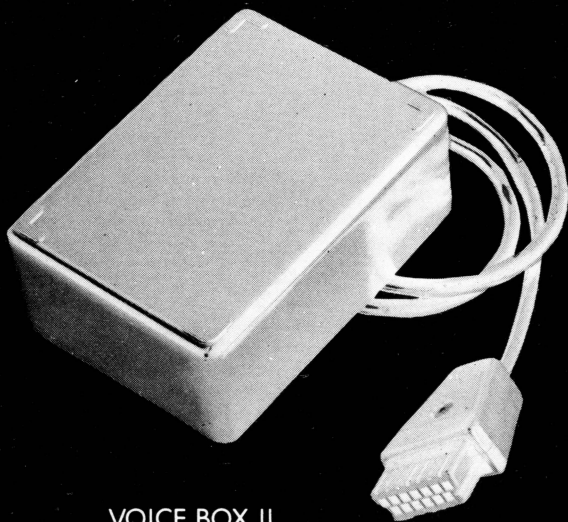
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**Simulated Computer II** is easy to use, fun to play with and educational to boot. It is not intended to teach assembly language. It does, however, allow you to grasp the concepts of how it is used and how the computer follows these instructions. In spite of occasional grammatical errors in the accompanying booklet, this is an excellent product and well worth the investment. I still have no intention of competing with my son's idol, Tom Hudson, but at least now I will know what he is talking about. Now, if I only could find out why he buries all those symbols denoting string variables — \$\$\$\$!

#### D-BUG

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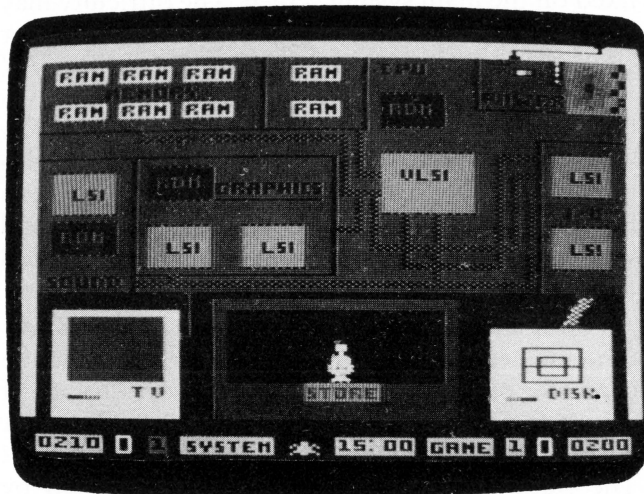
The name Electronic Arts is quickly becoming synonymous with quality. This educational game, designed and programmed by Childware, does nothing to lessen this reputation.

When **D-Bug** is booted, the first thing to appear is the system screen comprised of the various parts of a computer. One has the option of selecting the two player game, or competing against the computer. One of three characters is chosen: Moe Dem, Dot Matrix, or M.A.X. the Robot (my personal favorite). If the computer is the opponent, it assumes the role of a fourth character, Charlie Fixit. Coincidentally, at the continually remodelled home of **ANALOG**, Charlie is the one I always am seeking out to "fix it." At this point, one has the opportunity to move to the different sections on the screen and, with one push of the joystick button, may enter and explore the individual system components. Moving to **GAME** on the control panel allows one to begin playing.

#### Gotcha!

Not to be confused with the familiar and nervously anticipated golf handicap, Gotcha! is a simple board-style game with the object being to capture or force an opponent to capture particular shapes. Using the joystick to maneuver, points are awarded every time one's own shape is captured. Suddenly, while you're

engrossed in manipulating the enemy into a compromising position, the screen flashes and bizarre things begin to happen. Something has gone awry inside the computer. In order to continue the game, the player must locate the problem and repair it. Here is where the debugging takes place.



D:BUG.

In the beginner levels, the game screen, showing the symptom, alternates with the system screen which is flashing the specific area containing the bug. For example, the game screen may be missing the bottom middle third of its display, and the MEMORY section of the system screen will be seen flashing brightly. One enters the problem area with the previously selected character and moves over each part. If the part is loose, the character will have a gray flicker. This is easily fixed by jumping up and down on the affected part, a feat accomplished by positioning the character on it and pressing the joystick button. If a red flicker appears, the part is "hot" and must be replaced with a new one purchased at Charlie Fixit's Store. Sometimes, one gets no flickering, and a tester must be "rented." In this case, a part has gone bad, and using the tester is like buying a new replacement. There is a time limit for each repair job, and if it is exceeded before the job is completed, one's opponent has a chance to fix it. If the problem cannot be found, or if neither player can fix it, Charlie may be hired to do the job, but at a very high cost (ahem!). If the computer is the opponent, it gets to use Charlie for free. As the levels of difficulty increase, fewer hints are provided. In level 3, the flashing of the section containing the bug is eliminated. Level 4 adds to this difficulty by creating more than one bug at a time. The most difficult level, the fifth, provides no gray or red flickers, requiring the player to find loose and hot parts based solely on the symptom seen on the game screen.

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### Pffft!

There are seven areas within the computer where problems may arise. "Snow" flickering on and off the screen may be due to a loose monitor cable, or a boot error may result from a faulty disk drive door. These bugs in MONITOR and DISK DRIVE are fixed on the main system screen. The difficulty may be in the POWER SUPPLY, where a bad fuse or clogged filter may be the culprit. The MEMORY section contains eight RAM chips, each of which produces its own symptom if found to be bad. The CPU contains the VLSI (Very Large Scale Integration) chip, and if it is loose, all kinds of bad stuff can happen. The other three sections, SOUND, I/O, and GRAPHICS, all contain a variety of chips (LSI and ROM) which may go on the blink.

Power surges, or "transients," may appear at any time and begin to chase one's character. If caught, the character becomes charged with static electricity. If this happens too often, it may build up to the point where simply touching a chip may cause it to "blow." The static charge build-up may be dissipated by entering the POWER SUPPLY area and touching the GROUND symbol.

Additional features include the ability to change the graphic characters in Gotcha!, initially butterflies and boats, by entering the GRAPHICS section. The sounds contained in **D-Bug** may also be changed by entering the area that controls this function. It is possible to play the game without interruptions by selecting the NO BUG control. The game itself is not all that exciting, so this is a seldom used option.

### What the fool?

A frequently encountered problem in educational programs is that the disaster which occurs when a wrong answer is given — like the screen blowing up, or being eaten by a monster — may be more exciting than a correct answer. Young children sometimes purposely make mistakes just to see the consequences. In this program, the problem must be righted if the bug appears during one's turn. Because of the cost of parts and time, the debugging process deducts points from one's total. If one were to make quick selections during the Gotcha! game, the odds seem to favor the bug occurring during the opponent's turn. This is particularly true when playing against the computer. Such strategy would enable a player to build up points during the game phase while the opponent sacrifices points repairing the bug. The only problem is that it is much more fun (and educational) to search for and repair bugs than it is to watch someone else do it. Consequently, I found my children (and me!) slow-poling during the game just so the bug would occur while it was still their turn. I am not sure if this is a shortcoming or not. While it may eliminate some of the competitive edge, it may, in turn, enhance intellectual pursuit.

The educational goals of this package are numerous. Learning the names of the different parts of the computer and what functions they control will certainly be achieved. The development of deductive reasoning skills by working from symptom to cause is definitely encouraged. Children ten years and older will be able to use **D-Bug** with little difficulty. Superb graphics and an innovative approach make **D-Bug** an outstanding educational tool for kids of all ages. It is exciting and fun. So much so, they will never suspect that it is educational. Sometimes, we have to fool them into learning. Big Bird does it all the time — **D-Bug** will too. □

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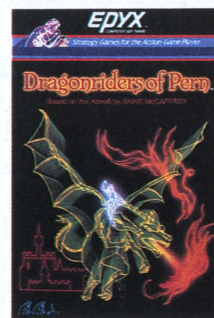
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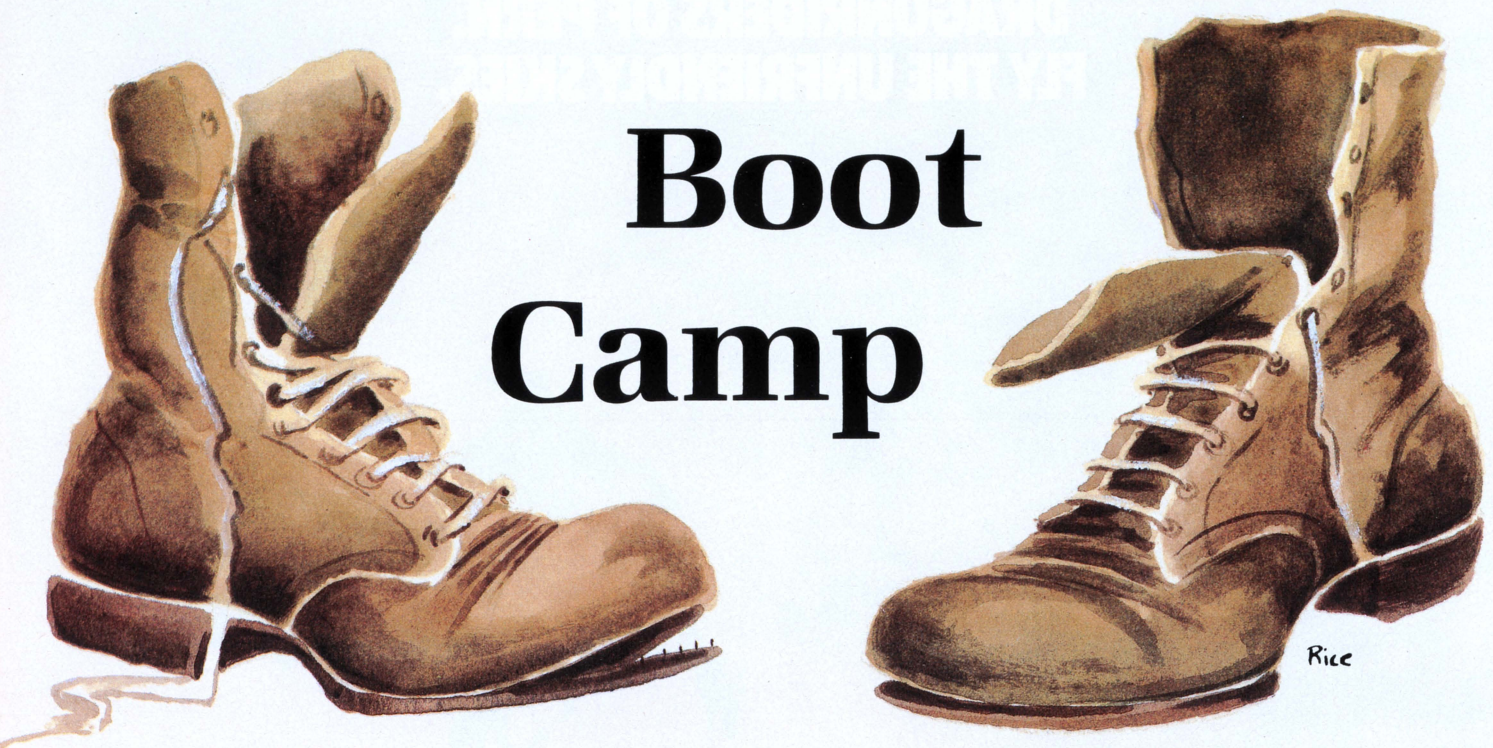


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Before beginning my regular **Boot Camp** material, I'd like any users of the **MAC/65** assembler to take a look at this issue's **HBUG** debug package (see page 78).

I received a letter from Allen J. Henninger of Linden, PA in January. He informed me that most of the **Boot Camp** examples failed to operate properly when he used **MAC/65's** debug utility, **BUG/65**. I looked into the problem and, sure enough, Mr. Henninger was right.

When using **BUG/65**, **BRK** instructions cause a fatal system crash. Programs executing infinite loops can only be stopped via the **SYSTEM RESET** key. There are ways to circumvent the **BRK** lockup problem, but there's no way to stop an infinite loop and find where the program was executing.

If you use **MAC/65**, I strongly suggest that you type in **HBUG**. It'll help you check the operation of the programs shown in **Boot Camp**, avoiding nasty lock-ups.

#### The solutions.

If you solved last issue's multi-byte math problems, give yourself a pat on the back. Successful completion of these programming puzzles indicates that you're well on your way to becoming proficient in 6502 assembly language.

Whether you solved the problems or not, take a look at the following possible solutions. There are many ways to solve any programming problem, and these examples may show you a different approach.

```

10  *=$600
20  SED                                ;DECIMAL MODE
30  LDA OLDBAL                         ;GET LOW BYTE
40  SEC                                ;FIRST SUBTRACT
50  SBC WITHD                          ;SUBTRACT LOW
60  STA NEWBAL                         ;STORE RESULT
70  LDA OLDBAL+1                      ;GET MED BYTE
80  SBC WITHD+1                       ;SUBTRACT MED
90  STA NEWBAL+1                      ;STORE RESULT
0100 LDA OLDBAL+2                    ;GET HI BYTE
0110 SBC #0                          ;SUBTRACT DUMMY
0120 STA NEWBAL+2                    ;STORE RESULT
0130 BRK                             ;ALL DONE!
0140 OLDBAL .BYTE $73,$86,$10
0150 WITHD .BYTE $85,$42
0160 NEWBAL *=+3
0170 .END

```

Figure 1.

**Figure 1** shows the solution to the first problem given last month. You were asked to subtract the two-byte BCD variable **WITHD** from the three-byte variable **OLDBAL**, placing the result in the three-byte variable **NEWBAL**; **OLDBAL** = 108673 and **WITHD** = 4285.

As you can see from **Figure 1**, both **OLDBAL** and **WITHD** are defined using the **.BYTE** directive. Standard data storage formats are used, so the values are defined from low-order to high-order. That is, 108673 is defined as **.BYTE \$73,\$86,\$10**. The variable **NEWBAL** is simply set up as **\*=+3**, reserving three bytes for the result of the operation.

The program itself uses the usual multi-byte subtract structure for the first two subtract operations. The third subtract uses a "dummy" value of



zero for the third byte of WITHD, since it is one byte shorter than OLDBAL. This insures that any borrows from lower-order bytes will be processed properly.

Try executing this program on your computer. After it is finished, examine the three-byte NEWBAL to be sure it contains 104388 (108673-4285). NEWBAL is located at memory location \$0622-0624. If you display these locations, you will see something like **Figure 2**.

**0622 88 43 10**

**Figure 2.**

You will note that the number 104388 contained in NEWBAL is stored in low-order to high-order format, just like OLDBAL and WITHD.

### Solution two.

The second problem I assigned last month asked you to subtract each byte of the ten-byte TABLE2 from the corresponding byte of TABLE1, placing the results in the ten-byte TABLE3. The initial values for TABLE1 and TABLE2 are:

```
TABLE1 .BYTE $10,$18,$40,$86,$9A
        .BYTE $A0,$BC,$C0,$F0,$F8
TABLE2 .BYTE $00,$08,$14,$2F,$9A
        .BYTE $90,$0B,$22,$65,$78
```

If done properly, TABLE3 should contain the following values when the program is finished:

**\$10,\$10,\$2C,\$57,\$00,\$10,\$B1,\$9E,\$8B,\$80**

A possible solution to this problem is shown in **Figure 3**.

```
10      *= $600
20      CLD
30      LDX #9          ; BINARY MODE!
40      SUBLP LDA TABLE1,X ; GET BYTE 1
50      SEC            ; SINGLE-BYTE!
60      SBC TABLE2,X ; SUBTRACT BYTE2
70      STA TABLE3,X ; AND STORE IT
80      DEX            ; NEXT BYTE
90      BPL SUBLP      ; DO ALL 10 BYTES
0100     BRK           ; ALL DONE!
0110     TABLE1 .BYTE $10,$18,$40,$86,$9A
0120     .BYTE $A0,$BC,$C0,$F0,$F8
0130     TABLE2 .BYTE $00,$08,$14,$2F,$9A
0140     .BYTE $90,$0B,$22,$65,$78
0150     TABLE3 *=*+10
0160     .END
```

**Figure 3.**

As you can see from **Figure 3**, this problem can be solved by simply indexing through all ten bytes of the tables in the loop SUBLP. Within this loop, the X register points to the desired byte of each table. Each time the loop is executed, the byte from TABLE2 is subtracted from the corresponding byte of TABLE1, and the result is placed in the proper location in TABLE3. Note that each subtract is preceded by the SEC (set carry) instruction, so that the subtracts will be treated as single-byte operations.

If you're still having trouble with multi-byte math, go back and re-read last issue's column. It may also be a good idea to review the math basics from **ANALOG #15's Boot Camp**.

### Ups and downs.

There are two handy instructions we haven't covered yet that can sometimes be considered math instructions. These are INC (increment memory by 1) and DEC (decrement memory by 1).

INC n	(ZERO PAGE)
INC nn	(ABSOLUTE)
INC n,X	(ZERO PAGE INDEXED X)
INC nn,X	(INDEXED X)

DEC n	(ZERO PAGE)
DEC nn	(ABSOLUTE)
DEC n,X	(ZERO PAGE INDEXED X)
DEC nn,X	(INDEXED X)

The INC instruction simply adds 1 to the value contained in the memory byte referenced and places the result back into the memory location. The accumulator is not affected, but the SIGN and ZERO

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```

♥ --- CTRL ,
† --- CTRL á
| --- CTRL B
J --- CTRL C
† --- CTRL D
7 --- CTRL E
/ --- CTRL F
\ --- CTRL G
^ --- CTRL H
^ --- CTRL I
^ --- CTRL J
^ --- CTRL K
^ --- CTRL L
^ --- CTRL M
^ --- CTRL N
^ --- CTRL O
+ --- CTRL P
r --- CTRL Q
- --- CTRL R
+ --- CTRL S
e --- CTRL T
m --- CTRL U
| --- CTRL V
T --- CTRL W
L --- CTRL X
I --- CTRL Y

```

```

L --- CTRL Z
E --- ESC ESC
↑ --- ESC CTRL UP-ARROW
↓ --- ESC CTRL DOWN-ARROW
← --- ESC CTRL LEFT-ARROW
→ --- ESC CTRL RIGHT-ARROW
♦ --- CTRL ,
^ --- CTRL ;
K --- ESC SHIFT CLEAR
† --- ESC BACK S
) --- ESC TAB
C --- INVERSE CTRL ,
H --- INVERSE CTRL á
J --- INVERSE CTRL B
U --- INVERSE CTRL C
H --- INVERSE CTRL D
7 --- INVERSE CTRL E
/ --- INVERSE CTRL F
\ --- INVERSE CTRL G
^ --- INVERSE CTRL H
^ --- INVERSE CTRL I
^ --- INVERSE CTRL J
^ --- INVERSE CTRL K
J --- INVERSE CTRL L

```

```

■ --- INVERSE CTRL M
■ --- INVERSE CTRL N
7 --- INVERSE CTRL O
E --- INVERSE CTRL P
F --- INVERSE CTRL Q
F --- INVERSE CTRL R
::: --- INVERSE CTRL S
O --- INVERSE CTRL T
O --- INVERSE CTRL U
■ --- INVERSE CTRL V
::: --- INVERSE CTRL W
I --- INVERSE CTRL X
L --- INVERSE CTRL Y
L --- INVERSE CTRL Z
O --- ESC DELETE
O --- ESC INSERT
O --- ESC CTRL TAB (CLR)
O --- ESC SHIFT TAB (SET)
■ --- INVERSE SPACE
■ --- INVERSE _
O --- INVERSE CTRL ,
O --- INVERSE CTRL ;
|| --- INVERSE |
O --- ESC CTRL 2
O --- ESC CTRL BACK S
O --- ESC CTRL INSERT

```



flags reflect the result of the operation. **Figure 4** shows an example of the INC operation.

```

10      *=$0600
20      LDA #5          ;5 IN ACCUMULATOR
30      STA VALUE       ;AND IN VALUE
40      INC VALUE        ;VALUE = 6
50      INC VALUE        ;VALUE = 7
60      INC VALUE        ;VALUE = 8
70      BRK             ;ALL DONE!
80  VALUE *=*+1
90      .END

```

**Figure 4.**

This program will place the value 5 in the accumulator and the location labeled VALUE. It then increments VALUE 3 times. When finished, the accumulator will still contain 5, but VALUE will contain 8.

If the INC operation is performed on a byte containing \$FF, the byte's value will "wrap around" to zero. Note that this instruction is not a true math instruction because the carry resulting from the byte wraparound is NOT shown in the status flags.

The DEC instruction is similar to the INC instruction, but operates in reverse. Instead of adding 1 to the value of the byte, DEC subtracts 1. **Figure 5** shows an example of the use of the DEC instruction.

```

10      *=$600
20      CLD             ;BINARY MODE
30      LDA #5          ;SET COUNTER...
40      STA COUNT       ;TO 5
50      LDA #7          ;SET ADDVAL...
60      STA ADDVAL      ;TO 7
70  LOOP LDA ADDVAL     ;GET ADDVAL
80      CLC             ;SINGLE-BYTE ADD
90      ADC ADDVAL      ;ADD TO ITSELF
0100    STA ADDVAL      ;SAVE RESULT
0110    DEC COUNT       ;HIT ZERO YET?
0120    BNE LOOP        ;NO! LOOP BACK
0130    BRK            ;ALL DONE!
0140    ADDVAL *=*+1
0150    COUNT *=*+1
0160    .END

```

**Figure 5.**

In **Figure 5**, we're using the variable COUNT as a simple counter to control the addition of ADDVAL. We will add ADDVAL to itself 5 times. When finished, ADDVAL will be multiplied by 32. Let's walk through this example.

**Line 20** clears the decimal mode so that we'll be working in binary mode.

**Lines 30-40** initialize COUNT to 5.

**Lines 50-60** initialize ADDVAL to 7. When complete, this program will multiply 7 by 32, with a result of 224 (\$E0) in the accumulator.

**Lines 70-100** add ADDVAL to itself, placing the result back in ADDVAL. This has the effect of multiplying ADDVAL by 2 each time it is done.

**Line 110** decrements COUNT by 1. When COUNT reaches zero, the ZERO flag will be set. This will be our signal to stop.

**Line 120** checks the ZERO flag to see if all five multiplies have been done. If the ZERO flag is NOT set, the program will branch (BNE) back to the label LOOP.

**Line 130** BREAKS the program when all five iterations of the loop are complete.

**Lines 140-150** define the one-byte storage areas ADDVAL and COUNT.

As you can see, the INC and DEC instructions can come in handy when you need a counter or want to add or subtract without affecting the accumulator. We have used the X and Y registers to perform counter functions, but if these registers are in use, you can always set up a byte and use the INC and DEC instructions instead.

### Bit-flipping.

When you get deeper into assembly language, you'll need to manipulate bytes in ways that BASIC can't. Now we'll look at four instructions that allow a wide variety of ways to manipulate and test the contents of the accumulator. These instructions are AND, BIT, ORA and EOR.

```

      BYTE 1:  0 1 1 0 1 0 1 1
AND  BYTE 2:  1 0 1 1 0 0 0 1
      RESULT:  0 0 1 0 0 0 0 1

```

**Figure 6.**

**Figure 6** shows how the AND function works. As you can see, two bytes are used as inputs to the function. The corresponding bits of these two bytes are examined. If the bit of the first byte is 1 AND the bit of the second byte is 1, the result for that bit will be 1. Otherwise, that bit of the result will be set to 0. This process is repeated for all eight bits.

In 6502 assembly language, the AND function has the following eight formats:

AND #n	(IMMEDIATE)
AND nn	(ABSOLUTE)
AND n	(ZERO PAGE)
AND (n,X)	(PRE-INDEXED INDIRECT)
AND (n),Y	(POST-INDEXED INDIRECT)
AND n,X	(ZERO PAGE INDEXED X)
AND nn,X	(INDEXED X)
AND nn,Y	(INDEXED Y)

In each of these formats, the accumulator is ANDed with the memory byte indicated in the operand. The result of the AND function is placed in the accumulator. The SIGN and ZERO flags are set according to the result.

The AND function is most often used to mask off certain bits of the accumulator or test bits to see if they are on.

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```
GETRND LDA RANDOM
      CMP #8
      BCS GETRND
```

This code gets a random number and checks to see if it is greater than 7. If it is, the program loops back to GETRND and tries again. This routine works, but it may need to try several times before it gets a good value.

We can perform the same function easily with the AND instruction. By using the AND instruction, only one try is necessary. It even takes less memory than the previous example. The code is:

```
LDA RANDOM
AND #07
```

This code MASKS the contents of the accumulator with the value 7. Figure 7 shows three possible outcomes of the procedure. As you can see, none of them exceed 7.

AND	BYTE:	1 0 0 1 1 1 0 1	
	MASK:	0 0 0 0 0 1 1 1	
	RESULT:	0 0 0 0 0 1 0 1	= 5
	BYTE:	1 1 1 1 0 1 1 1	
	MASK:	0 0 0 0 0 1 1 1	
	RESULT:	0 0 0 0 0 1 1 1	= 7
	BYTE:	0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0	
	MASK:	0 0 0 0 0 1 1 1	
	RESULT:	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	= 0

Figure 7.

This is just one example of the use of the AND operation. We'll cover more uses in the future.

A companion to the AND function is the BIT (bit test) instruction. It performs almost the same function as AND, but changes only the status flags. BIT does not affect the contents of the accumulator. The primary function of the BIT operation is to test the contents of the accumulator. BIT has the following formats:

```
BIT nn      (ABSOLUTE)
BIT n       (ZERO PAGE)
```

Besides not changing the accumulator as a result of the AND operation, BIT handles the status flags differently. The ZERO flag is handled the same as AND. The SIGN and OVERFLOW flags are set to bits 7 and 6 of the operand, respectively. This is a strange twist, and I've not yet encountered a situation where I've used this odd flag setting. The following code shows a typical use of the BIT instruction.

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```

        LDA BYTE
        BIT TESTBT
        BNE BITON
        .
        .
        .
        BITON
        .
        .
        .
        BYTE *-*+1
        TESTBT .BYTE $01
        .END

```

This code uses the bit mask TESTBT to see if the 1 bit of the memory location labeled BYTE is set. The value contained in BYTE is placed in the accumulator, then the BIT instruction is executed. Since TESTBT is the location used by the BIT operand, the accumulator will be ANDed with \$01. If the 1 bit of the accumulator is set, the result of the BIT operation will be a NOT EQUAL condition. In this case, the BNE instruction would cause the program to branch to the location BITON. Otherwise, the program would fall through to the code after the BNE instruction.

I personally don't use BIT instructions much. Unfortunately, the designers of the 6502 didn't allow for an immediate format of this instruction. As a result, you must set up all the masks you use somewhere in memory, making the operation a bit more cumbersome.

### This OR that.

Another bit-manipulating instruction used fairly often is the ORA (OR accumulator) operation. The formats of this instruction are:

```

ORA #n      (IMMEDIATE)
ORA nn      (ABSOLUTE)
ORA n       (ZERO PAGE)
ORA (n,X)   (PRE-INDEXED INDIRECT)
ORA (n),Y   (POST-INDEXED INDIRECT)
ORA n,X     (ZERO PAGE INDEXED X)
ORA nn,X    (INDEXED X)
ORA nn,Y    (INDEXED Y)

```

Unlike the AND operator, which only sets the result bit when both input bits are 1, the OR operator sets the result bit when EITHER input bit is 1. **Figure 8** shows how the OR function works.

```

OR  BYTE 1: 1 0 1 1 0 1 1 0
    BYTE 2: 0 1 0 1 0 0 1 0
    RESULT: 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 0

```

Figure 8.

As you can see, the OR operation sets the result bit if either bit 1 OR bit 2 is set. If both of the bits are off, the result bit will also be off. Like the AND operation, the ORA operation affects only the SIGN and ZERO flags.

The OR operation is used to turn on specific bits in a byte, most often in graphics handlers. The following code demonstrates how the OR instruction works.

```

10      *=$600
20      LDA #$4C      ;$4C IN ACCUM.
30      ORA #$11      ;OR WITH $11
40      ORA OR3       ;OR WITH $80
50      BRK          ;ALL DONE!
60 OR3 .BYTE $80
70      .END

```

Figure 9.

**Line 20** loads the accumulator with \$4C (01001100 binary).

**Line 30** ORs the accumulator with \$11 (00010001 binary). After this OR operation, the accumulator will contain \$5D (01011101 binary).

**Line 40** ORs the accumulator with the contents of the memory location OR3. Since OR3 is defined as \$80, the accumulator will be OR'd with 10000000 binary. After this instruction is executed, the accumulator will contain \$DD (11011101 binary).

**Line 50** stops the execution of the program. At this point you can see that the accumulator contains \$DD.

### An ANALOG exclusive.

The last accumulator manipulation instruction we're going to look at this time is EOR (exclusive-OR). This instruction works like OR except that when BOTH input bits are set, the result bit will be turned off. The following example shows how EOR works:

```

EOR  BYTE 1: 1 0 1 1 0 0 1 1
    BYTE 2: 1 0 0 1 1 0 1 0
    RESULT: 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 1

```

The EOR instruction is commonly used in graphics routines, and also for flipping the setting of bits in program flags. Let's see how the EOR instruction lets us flip bits. The following example shows the EOR function flipping all the bits of a byte to the opposite binary settings:

```

EOR  BYTE 1: 1 0 1 1 0 0 0 1
    BYTE 2: 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
    RESULT: 0 1 0 0 1 1 1 0

```

No matter what the contents of byte 1, if it is exclusive-OR'd with \$FF (binary 11111111), the result of the operation will be the mirror-image of the first byte. The 6502 code necessary for this operation is:



```
LDA #$B1
EOR #$FF
```

What if we only want to flip a certain bit? The following example shows the flipping of only the 4 bit of byte 1:

```

EOR  BYTE 1:  1 0 1 1 0 0 0 1
      BYTE 2:  0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0
      RESULT:  1 0 1 1 0 1 0 1
```

As you can see, the bit has been flipped to a 1. The equivalent 6502 code for this example is:

```
LDA #$B1
EOR #$04
```

The EOR operation is easy to use. All you need to do is determine which bits you want to flip and exclusive-OR the accumulator with the appropriate byte. Like the AND and ORA operation codes, EOR sets the SIGN and ZERO flags according to the result of the operation.

#### Problem time.

Here are some good bit-manipulation problems for you to solve for next month.

In each of the following problems, you are given bit patterns before and after a bit manipulation operation. You must determine (1) the operation (AND, ORA, EOR) and (2) the second bit pattern used to obtain the result. Some problems have 2 possible answers. These are indicated with a (2) to the right of the problem. If you've read carefully, these should be a snap to solve.

BYTE 1	OPN	BYTE 2	RESULT	ANS
01000011			01000001	(2)
11001011			10100010	
11110000			01000000	(2)
01010101			11111111	(2)
11001000			01111100	
11111111			11110001	(2)
00100100			10111000	
01000111			00010010	

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The game follows the traditional D & D theme. You must first create your character, assigning him various attributes, such as strength and intelligence, and then you steer him through the **Ultima** universe. Each character is created from a "prototype seed" which is first copied onto a blank disk. Then a menu is presented for you to assign attribute values and select a race and class (fighter, wizard, etc.) for your character. Throughout the adventure, you will learn to love your creation, as he gains experience, gold, and rises in level until he is able to battle the evil Mondain.

**Ultima I** is epic in its scope, as it encompasses four continents, as well as space and time. As you increase your wealth and power you are able to purchase boats, aircars, and finally a spacecraft. Weapons, too, increase in power, as does your armor. Wizards and clerics can utilize increasingly more powerful magic spells. You must steer your character through towns, in which you purchase supplies; castles, where you ask the king for quests and rescue a princess; and dungeons, where you complete your quests and gain experience and gold by defeating a multitude of monsters. I won't give away the nature of the quests to avoid spoiling the adventure, but I will say that the battles in the dungeons are probably the best part.

The hi-res graphics are most impressive. There is fine scrolling as you move over the continents. The dungeons are likewise impressive, and are drawn with linear lines, simulating vector graphics like those found in the arcade version of **Tempest**. Each of the many monsters has a distinctive appearance and specific strengths and weaknesses. Movement is extremely easy with the joystick option. Even when using the joystick, the keyboard must be used, as the joystick only controls movement on one plane and allows you to attack. Often times, very late at night, you will find yourself repeatedly thinking that you will go into the dungeon "just one more time."

Unfortunately, the game is not without its drawbacks. Much time is spent waiting for the disk to

supply more data when you move from one playing area to another. Also, many disk swaps are necessary; the game would be much more playable if two disk drives are used. Puzzle quality and difficulty are low. Little, if any, actual problem-solving is necessary, as most problems simply involve going somewhere or killing something. Although the graphics are great, the space sequence is poor arcade action at best, although a slight strategy is necessary. There is a save game feature which is always a plus. The end of the game is a bitter disappointment, somewhat of an anti-climax, when compared to what I expected.

The documentation is fairly limited, which leaves a lot for the player to figure out on his own. This is a convenient reference card, to remind you of the one-letter commands to control the action.

All things considered, I can give a conditional recommendation for **Ultima I**. It will please those people who revel in arcade action. It may disappoint those who prefer high difficulty and logical puzzles which must be solved. However, I enjoyed the game, although I belong to the latter group. Rating on a scale from 1 to 10, **Ultima I** rates as follows: puzzle quality-3.5; documentation-5; graphics-8; overall playability-7.5. □

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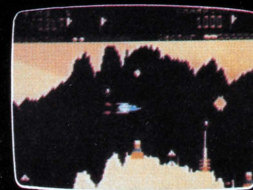
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# Ask Sally Forth




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by Sally Forth

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Dear Sally,

The **mUse** article on page 112 of Issue #14 states that BASIC arrays eat up RAM. Each array element requires six bytes, meaning a 10 x 10 array uses 600 bytes. Is FORTH as wasteful?

If FORTH uses six bytes for each array element, can I simulate arrays by using strings? The **mUse** article says that BASIC strings are more RAM-efficient, using just "one byte per DIM allotment."

(Unsigned)

All numbers in Atari BASIC are stored in a 6-byte floating-point format. The reason for using this format is that it allows BASIC to express very large and small numbers easily. The disadvantages of floating point are that it takes a lot of memory space to store each number, and a lot of processing time to handle them.

FORTH is considerably more flexible than Atari BASIC when it comes to storing numbers. With FORTH, you can define your own storage formats that are as efficient or wasteful as you like, limited only by the capacity of the machine.

The "default" format for a FORTH number is a 2-byte signed integer. This format allows you to express any whole number between -32768 and +32767. No fractions or decimal points are allowed; that is the price you pay for using only one-third of the storage space required by Atari BASIC.

How do you set up an array in FORTH? The method you use depends on what you're going to do with the array. Let's assume that you need an array called BOX with 10 elements in it. In Atari BASIC, you would type:

**DIM BOX(9)**

Notice that BOX is DIMensioned to 9, not 10. The reason is that BASIC numbers array elements starting with 0. If you DIMed BOX to 10 instead of 9, you'd actually be reserving space for 11 elements instead of 10. BASIC is wasteful enough without having useless array elements hogging up RAM!

The BOX array could be defined in FORTH like this:

**VARIABLE BOX 18 ALLOT**

Not too hard to grasp, except for that mysterious 18 ALLOT. What has the number 18 got to do with a 10-element array? It works like this: the FORTH word VARIABLE automatically reserves 2 bytes in the dictionary under the name BOX, enough for one signed integer. The 18 ALLOT phrase tells the compiler to reserve 18 additional bytes under the name BOX. Those 18 bytes are enough to hold 9 more 2-byte numbers. That gives BOX a total storage capacity of 20 bytes, or 10 2-byte numbers. See?



Now let's fill our BOX arrays with numbers. We'll assign each number a value equal to its position in the array, so that BOX (0)=0, BOX (1)=1, BOX (2)=2, etc. One way to accomplish this in BASIC is:

```
10 DIM BOX(9)
20 FOR I=0 TO 9
30 BOX(I)=I
40 NEXT I
```

In FORTH, you could try:

```
VARIABLE BOX 18 ALLOT
10 0 DO
  I I 2* BOX + !
  LOOP
```

The above FORTH example works okay, but it isn't as efficient as it could be. Because all of the numbers in the array are less than 255, we could use a single byte to store each one instead of two. And since the numbers are predefined, why not stuff them into the array at the same time the array is defined?

Here's an example that will show you what I mean.

#### LABEL BOX

```
0 C, 1 C, 2 C, 3 C, 4 C,
5 C, 6 C, 7 C, 8 C, 9 C,
```

The word LABEL simply marks a place in the dictionary and gives it the name BOX. The following sequence of C, words simply compiles the byte values 0 - 9 directly into the dictionary. You end up with a "string" of 10 bytes numbered 0 - 9, already initialized and ready to go without any external loops! How's that for efficiency?

I'll leave you with a semi-useful example of how to set up and access arrays in FORTH. Let's set up two arrays, XPOINTS and YPOINTS, each of which containing the fixed X and Y coordinates of ten points to be plotted sequentially. I'll show you the code that will set up the arrays and plot the points, in both BASIC and in FORTH.

First, the BASIC code:

```
10 DIM XPOINTS(9), YPOINTS(9)
20 FOR I=0 TO 9
30 READ X:XPOINTS(I)=X:NEXT I
40 FOR I=0 TO 9
50 READ Y:YPOINTS(I)=Y:NEXT I
60 GRAPHICS 3:COLOR 1
70 FOR I=0 TO 9
80 PLOT XPOINTS(I), YPOINTS(I)
90 NEXT I
100 REM * X-COORDINATE DATA
110 DATA 20,16,20,24,12,28,16,20,24,20
120 REM * Y-COORDINATE DATA
130 DATA 6,8,8,8,9,9,10,10,10,12
```

Here's the same thing in FORTH:

```
( First set up the X and Y
  ( coordinate tables )
```

#### LABEL XPOINTS

```
20 C, 16 C, 20 C, 24 C, 12 C,
28 C, 16 C, 20 C, 24 C, 20 C,
```

#### LABEL YPOINTS

```
6 C, 8 C, 8 C, 8 C, 9 C,
9 C, 10 C, 10 C, 10 C, 12 C,
```

```
( The following word will read the
  ( coordinates out of the tables and
  ( PLOT them )
```

#### : PLOTEM

##### 3 GRAPHICS

##### 1 COLOR

##### 10 0 DO

```
I XPOINTS + @ ( fetch x-coord )
```

```
I YPOINTS + @ ( and y-coord )
```

```
PLOT ( and PLOT them )
```

```
LOOP
```

```
( simple, eh? )
```

Remember: whenever possible, initialize an array by compiling the values directly into the dictionary. And use bytes instead of words when your data values are less than 255. You'll save all sorts of RAM space, which can then be used to accomplish more interesting things. □



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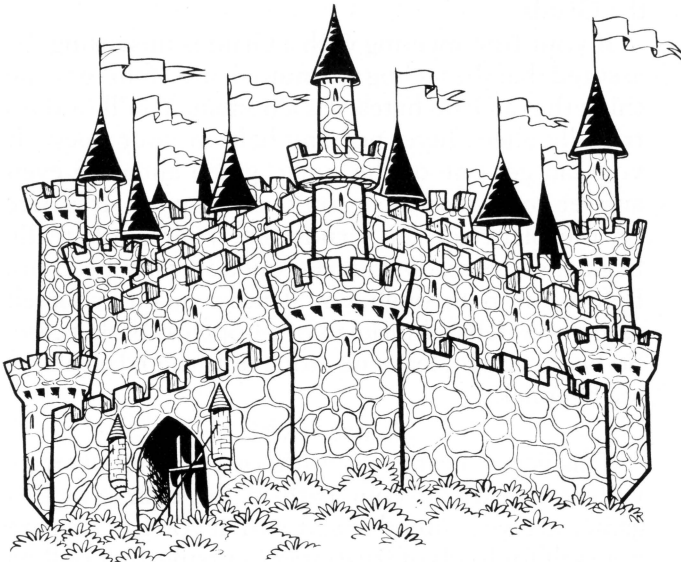
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It all started when I bragged to my friend, "Hey, Ted! I'm going to review **Ultima III**!"

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Role-playing? Medieval? Yech. Well, I thought, I'm stuck with it. I might as well review it. I shoved the disk in the drive and booted it with bad expectations. After viewing a modest title screen, the program began. Wow! I had to admit, the introduction was quite fabulous. Some heavy-duty programming must have gone into the title's "materialization." And there's a cute little dragon fight thrown in there. Very well done!

After that I ran into a problem. For those of us who are buying an **Ultima** program for the first time, beware: You must be prepared with a blank diskette. On this will go a copy of the back side of the **Ultima III** disk, your player disk.

Once you've got that over with, you may enter the magical land of Sosaria. The finely-detailed graphics really get you into the game. The landscape and the players are works of art. Take a moment to really appreciate them. The music is quite beautiful as well, not to mention appropriate.

First off, you get your player or group of four players prepared to battle, steal, and cast. Once your ensemble is ready, you journey around the island, exploring forests, entering towns and castles, search-

ing for some unknown creature named Exodus. Hidden in mountain caves are dungeons, and once you enter one of those, it's like going through a maze (one might suggest keeping a map). Finding moon-gates, stealing money, killing trolls — it's all part of the fun. This is the type of game that'll keep you going for months. A true programming triumph.

But, as all programs do, **Ultima III** has its problems. For instance, the music can get very monotonous. Although there is a sound toggle key, it only turns off the movement and battle sounds, and the music goes merrily on.

And the ultimate of all problems, "The Glitch!" Now I'm not trying to stir up hot coals or anything, but my copy of **Ultima III** does not work. I wouldn't mention this if I thought it was an outside case, but good ole Ted is on his third **Ultima III**, and he says that it's going sour, too. I would really hate to knock such a wonderful product on a one in a million chance, but four out of four? That's not a good record.

In short, **Ultima III** is a must-have for your software collection. You might want to ask around to see if all those **Ultima III**s glitch; I doubt if they all do. You may have some problems at first, but once you get started, you'll never be able to stop. □

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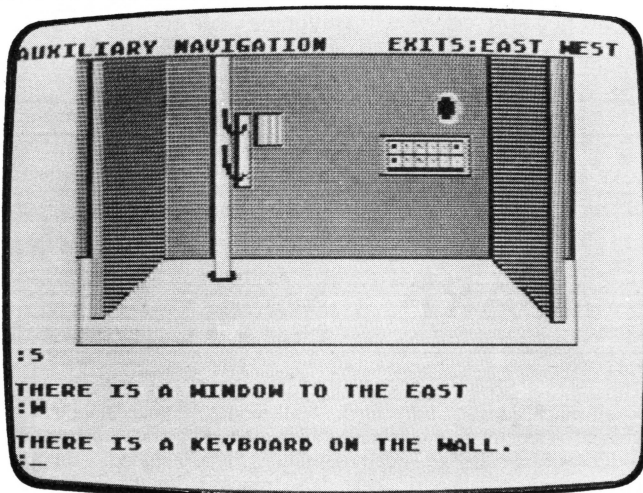
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### Let the game begin.

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If your first meeting with a Grud is unsettling, be assured that the feeling is a mutual one. If there is one thing that a Grud hates, it's a human. You'll find no friendly aliens here, nor any help in your quest. If you can get one of the squat, green aliens to even answer your questions, you're doing good. It is here on the planet of the Gruds that your work really begins, so be ready to meet any adversity head on. Before you're through, you'll either qualify yourself as an interstellar diplomat, or a hopeless basket case. So be thorough, leave no stone unturned, but above all, be quick.

### Lotsa luck!

This is not a game for quitters. Many an obstacle will be thrown in your path in the course of this game, so if you intend to stay with it you had prepare yourself for loads of frustration, cursing, hair pulling and rewards beyond your wildest dreams. As a novice adventurer, I found myself on the verge of abandoning the game many a time, but a cool head prevailed and I'm not sorry at all. This is an enjoyable game that will provide many hours of thrills and delight, along with a real sense of accomplishment that cannot be found in your average shoot 'em up or blow 'em to Hades derivative.

But perhaps the best feature of **Gruds In Space** is the graphics. This is the most detailed and animated graphics/text adventure that I've ever seen, and belies a lot of love in its creation. Blinking eyes, twinkling stars, flashing lights and leering monsters fill every frame with a real character, and the continuity of shape and color are truly amazing. This game sets a standard that many other so-called "graphic" adventures fall far short of, both in concept and execution. In some cases, the animation is so well integrated that it becomes more than just an enhancement to the adventure, but a feature unto itself. I won't say any more to give away the plot or spoil the myriad surprises in store for you, so I'll just close by saying that if every picture is worth a thousand words, then **Gruds In Space** must qualify for at least a hundred volumes. □



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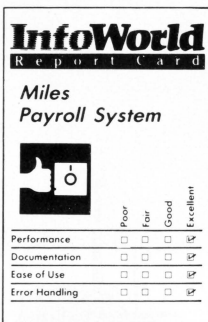
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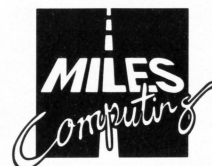
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*The intercom in the equipment bay clicks to life. "I've got a bad line in the forward escape tube," a voice from the command deck crackles. "Wanna come up here and take a look at it?" You grab a screwdriver, scoot up a ladder and slam the hatch of the escape tube behind you.*

*It's all over in a few seconds. The General Quarters klaxxon blares to life. You hear the shrieks and choked coughing of friends as they stumble through the passages outside, and a single hoarse shout: "Gas!" Some poor sucker pounds weakly on the escape hatch. Then the alarm cuts off as suddenly as it began. Everything is silent as death. Frozen with fear, you sit trembling in the airtight escape tube, knowing that now it's just you and the Sea Moss against whoever shut off the alarm.*

### The game.

**Crash Dive!** is a machine-language text adventure that pits you in a race against time. As the sole survivor of a terrible act of naval sabotage, you must find a way to keep your ship out of the hands of The Enemy. No sacrifice is too great to achieve this important goal. The question is, how do you get rid of a giant nuclear submarine and everything in it?

As the start of the game, the Sea Moss is assumed to be cruising along the surface of the ocean. Your mission is as follows:

1. Find a way to survive in the submarine's poisoned atmosphere.
2. Get the sub under water, so that enemy ships will not be able to reach it easily. You have a limited number of moves after the game begins to accomplish this, or the Enemy will capture the sub and kill you on the spot!
3. Find a way to completely destroy the Sea Moss.

Some of these goals will be relatively easy to accomplish. Others will require careful thought and a little bit of resourcefulness. Don't forget that there may be somebody left alive on the Sea Moss besides yourself — and that somebody might not be very friendly!

We'll discuss the details of playing **Crash Dive!** in a moment. First, let's take a look at the program

itself, and how to get it up and running on your computer.

### Typing it in.

**Listing 1** is an Atari BASIC program that will create an auto-booting version of **Crash Dive!** on disk or cassette. The DATA statements are listed in hexadecimal (base 16) in order to make the program as small as possible. It makes typing a little more difficult, but it's a necessary evil.

**Listing 1** will not fit in a 16K Atari system. You'll need at least 24K of memory if you're using cassette, or 32K if you're using disk. However, the machine-language file created by **Listing 1** does fit in 16K. If you only have 16K in your computer, ask a friend with a larger system to help you type in and RUN the BASIC listing. After the boot tape or disk is made, you'll be able to enjoy the game on your 16K system.

**Listing 2** is the assembly-language source code for **Crash Dive!**, created with the MAC/65 Macro Assembler. You do not have to type **Listing 2** into your computer to play the game (thank goodness!). It's provided for those readers interested in learning how the program works.

Follow the instructions below to make either a cassette or disk version of **Crash Dive!**

### Cassette instructions.

1. Carefully type **Listing 1** into your computer (remember, you need at least 24K to do this). Use **C:CHECK** (page 30) to verify your typing.

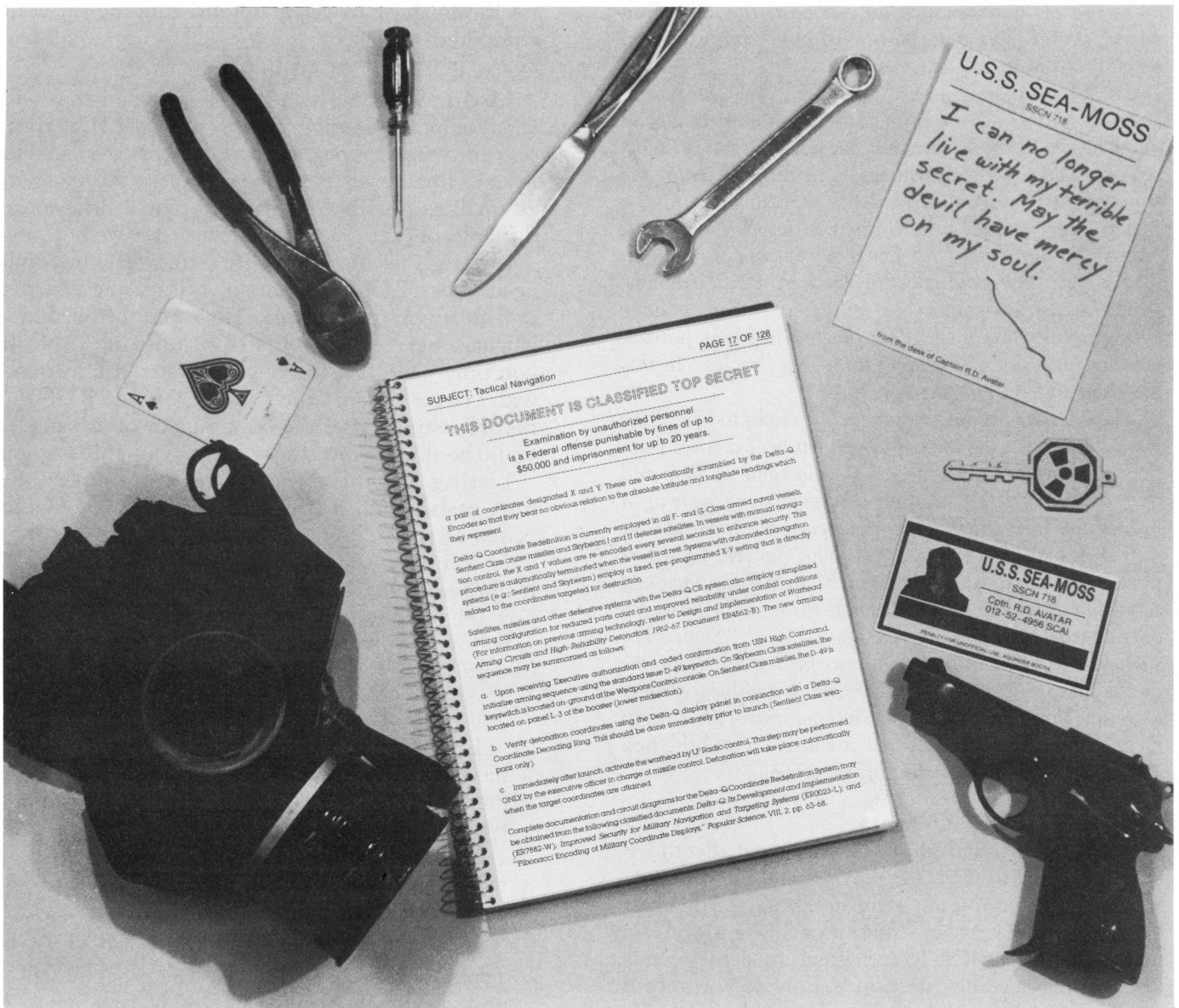
2. When **C:CHECK** says the program is perfect, type RUN and press RETURN. The program will prompt you with:

#### MAKE CASSETTE (0) OR DISK (1)?

Type 0 and press RETURN. The program will now begin checking the DATA statements, printing the line number of each as it goes. It will alert you if it finds any problems. Fix any incorrect lines and re-RUN the program as necessary until all typos are eliminated.

3. When all DATA lines are correct, the computer will "beep" twice and prompt you to READY CASSETTE AND PRESS RETURN. Insert a blank cassette into your recorder, press the PLAY and RECORD buttons simultaneously and hit RETURN. The message WRITING FILE will appear, and the program will create a machine-language boot-tape version of **Crash Dive!**, printing the line number of each DATA statement as it goes. When the READY prompt reappears, the game is recorded and ready to play. CSAVE the BASIC program on a separate tape before continuing.

4. To play **Crash Dive!**, rewind the boot tape created by the BASIC program to the beginning. Turn your computer OFF and remove all cartridges. Press the PLAY button on your recorder



and turn ON your computer while holding down the START key. If you have a 600XL or 800XL computer, you must hold down the START and the OPTION keys together when you turn on the power. The computer will "beep" once. Hit the RETURN key and **Crash Dive!** will load and run automatically.

#### Disk instructions.

1. Type **Listing 1** into your computer and use **D:CHECK2** (see page 30) to verify your typing.

2. When **D:CHECK** says the BASIC code is perfect, type RUN and press RETURN. The program will ask:

#### MAKE CASSETTE (0) OR DISK (1)?

Type 1 and press RETURN. The program will begin checking the DATA statements, printing the line number of each statement as it proceeds. The program will alert you if it finds any

problems. Fix incorrect lines and re-RUN the program as necessary until all typos are eliminated.

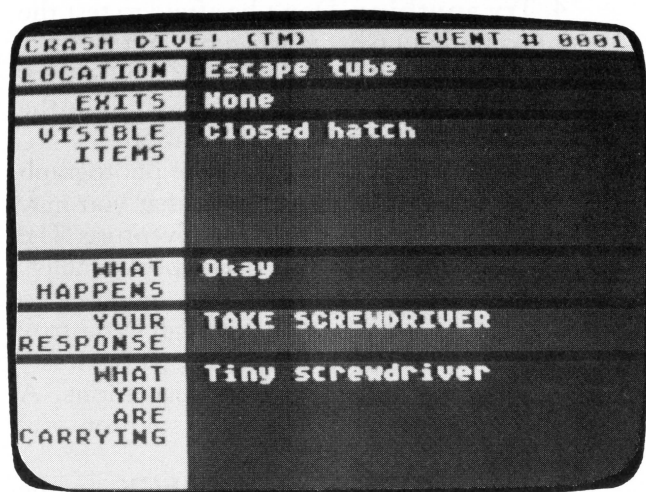
3. When all DATA lines are correct, the program will prompt you to INSERT DISK WITH DOS, PRESS RETURN. Put a disk containing Atari DOS 2.0S into drive #1 and press RETURN. The message WRITING FILE will appear and the program will create a binary AUTORUN.SYS file on the disk, displaying the line number of each DATA statement as it goes. When the READY prompt reappears, **Crash Dive!** is ready to play. Be sure the BASIC program is SAVED out to a disk before continuing.

4. To play the game, insert the disk containing the AUTORUN.SYS file into drive #1. Turn your computer OFF, remove all cartridges and turn the computer back ON. **Crash Dive!** will load and run automatically.



Assuming everything went okay, you should now be looking at the **Crash Dive!** title screen, which includes the following prompt:

Press **START** to play new game  
Press **OPTION** to restore old game



**Crash Dive!**

You haven't played the game before, so press the **START** key. Your TV screen should now look like the screen shown above. Note that the screen is divided into seven distinct sections or *windows*. From top to bottom, they are:

**Event Window.** The **EVENT #** counter in the top right corner keeps track of how many "events" have transpired since the start of the game. In general, each movement or other action you take during the course of the game counts as one event.

**Location Window.** This window contains a brief description of your current location.

**Exit Window.** The Exit Window tells you which directions you can go from your current location. Six vectors of movement are allowed: N (North), S (South), E (East), W (West), U (Up) and D (Down). "North" is towards the front of the submarine, "South" is aft, and so forth. If you can't move from a given location for some reason, the Exit Window will read "None."

**Visible Items Window.** This window displays a list of all the things you can see at your current location. Up to six items may be present in a location at any one time. Unoccupied locations will contain "Nothing."

**What Happens Window.** The What Happens Window reports on the results of your actions and lets you know if anything interesting is happening on board the *Sea Moss*. Keep an eye on this window — it may offer valuable information you will need to complete the adventure.

**Response Window.** This 2-line window is the communications link between you and the game. The commands and sentences you type into the

Response Window tell the computer how you want to proceed. Each new line scrolls up into the top half of the window after you hit **RETURN**, so that you can see what you just typed. A blinking green underline keeps track of your position.

**Inventory Window.** Look here for a list of all the items you are carrying. Up to six items may be held at one time. If you're empty-handed, the window will say "Nothing."

### Talking to Crash Dive!

Like most text adventures, **Crash Dive!** understands two-word sentences in the form:

### VERB NOUN

The single space character between the verb and the noun is required. Don't worry about capitals vs. lower-case, numbers or funny characters — **Crash Dive!** has a "smart" keyboard handler that will snarl at you if you try entering anything illegal.

The best way to learn how to talk to **Crash Dive!** is to play with it. Let's use the opening screen as an example. The Location Window says you're in the escape tube, with no obvious exits and nothing in your inventory. You can "see" a closed hatch and a tiny screwdriver. Type the sentence **TAKE SCREWDRIER** and you'll see the screwdriver vanish from the Visible Items list and reappear in your inventory. Simple, right?

You can interact with objects on the screen much like you can in real life. Type **EXAMINE SCREWDRIER** and the What Happens Window will tell you that it "Seems ordinary." Now try **EXAMINE HATCH** and learn something interesting about the escape hatch. If you try to **TAKE HATCH**, you'll find out what happens when you attempt something impossible. **DROP SCREWDRIER** will put the tiny screwdriver back in the Visible Items list.

You may be tempted to type **OPEN HATCH**, but if you read my little introductory tale carefully you'll know better than to try it. Think about your situation for a while and you'll discover a way to explore the rest of the *Sea Moss* without suffocating!

### Commands.

**Crash Dive!** also understands a limited number of single-character commands. These are used to control your movement around the sub, and to perform special "internal" game functions. The following commands are recognized by **Crash Dive!:**

#### Movement Commands

N - North S - South E - East  
W - West U - Up D - Down

#### Internal Commands

X - Mark Game Position  
Q - Quit/Restart Game  
A - Again (Repeat Last Sentence)

The movement commands are easy to use. Just consult the Exit Window to see which vectors are available, and type the initial of the direction you want to

go. The program will scold you if you type an illegal direction.

### Saving your game.

The "X" (Mark Game Position) command is used when you want to save the current status of your game. Type X/RETURN and you'll see the following prompt:

#### SAVE GAME TO DISK OR CASSETTE?

If you're using a disk drive, insert a disk containing Atari DOS 2.0S into drive #1 and press the "D" key. Your game will be saved out in a few seconds and you'll return to the main screen.

If you're using cassette, insert a blank tape into your recorder and press the "C" key. The computer will "beep" twice. Press the PLAY and RECORD keys on the recorder simultaneously and hit RETURN. The game will be saved and you'll return to the main screen.

### Starting over.

The "Q" (Quit/Restart) command is used when you want to restart the game from the beginning, or restore a game you have previously saved to disk or tape. Type Q/RETURN and you'll see the familiar **Crash Dive!** title screen. Press the START key if you want to start over from scratch. Press OPTION and you'll be asked:

#### RESTORE FROM DISK OR CASSETTE?

If your game was saved on disk, insert the game disk into drive #1 and press the "D" key. Your game will automatically resume at exactly the point where you left it.

If your game was saved on tape, cue the tape to the beginning of the saved game and press the "C" key. The computer will "beep" once. Press the PLAY key on the recorder and hit RETURN. Your game will resume at the point where you left it.

### The A command.

The third and last command recognized by **Crash Dive!** is "A," which means Again. This command re-executes the last sentence you typed as if you had typed it in again yourself. The A command only repeats your last sentence (verb/noun); it will not repeat single-character commands.

### Hints for successful play.

1. **Draw a map.** You'll have a hard time remembering the layout of the *Sea Moss* unless you draw a map. There are no mazes in this adventure, but a map will help you recall where interesting items are located and how the various rooms are connected.

2. **Examine everything.** Objects may have important features that will not be evident unless you examine them closely. Most of the items you discover in the game are essential to your success (though I may have left a couple of red herrings lying around...).

3. **Save your game frequently.** Use the X command to save your current status after important discoveries and breakthroughs, and before trying anything that might be dangerous. Otherwise you may find yourself starting all over again in the escape tube.

4. **Try anything.** Don't be afraid to test the game to find out what you can or can't do. The worst that can happen is that you will be captured and killed by enemy agents, shot in the back or cooked by a blast of radiation.

5. **Study the clue photo.** The photograph on page 46 contains information that you may find very helpful in solving the adventure. The game will refer you to this photo occasionally.

6. **Don't give up hope.** It is possible to survive in the *Sea Moss* long enough to destroy it. Really and truly it is! If you're hopelessly stuck, ask for other people's suggestions. A fresh outlook might uncover a solution you didn't think of yourself.

7. **Use C:CHECK or D:CHECK** on the program before you try to use it. It only takes one byte in the wrong place to make **Crash Dive!** totally unplayable.

8. **Don't call ANALOG.** We are absolutely not giving out adventure hints over the telephone! If you're really stuck, send me a self-addressed, stamped envelope at the following address:

### CRASH DIVE CLUES

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### BASIC Listing.

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10 REM *** CRASH DIVE ***
20 TRAP 20: ? "MAKE CASSETTE (0), OR DI
SK (1)";:INPUT DSK:IF DSK=1 THEN 20
30 TRAP 40000:DATA 0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9
,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,10,11,12,13,14,15
40 DIM DAT$(91),HEX(22):FOR X=0 TO 22:
READ N:HEX(X)=N:NEXT X:LINE=990:RESTOR
E 1000:TRAP 120: ? "CHECKING DATA"
50 LINE=LINE+10: ? "LINE:";LINE:READ DA
T$:IF LEN(DAT$)<>90 THEN 220
60 DATLIN=PEEK(183)+PEEK(184)*256:IF D
ATLIN<>LINE THEN ? "LINE ";LINE;" MISS
ING!":END
70 FOR X=1 TO 89 STEP 2:D1=ASC(DAT$(X,
X))-48:D2=ASC(DAT$(X+1,X+1))-48:BYTE=H
EX(D1)*16+HEX(D2)
80 IF PASS=2 THEN PUT #1,BYTE:NEXT X:R
EAD CHKSUM:GOTO 50
90 TOTAL=TOTAL+BYTE:IF TOTAL>999 THEN
TOTAL=TOTAL-1000
100 NEXT X:READ CHKSUM:IF TOTAL=CHKSUM
THEN 50
110 GOTO 220
120 IF PEEK(195)<>6 THEN 220
130 IF PASS=0 THEN 170
140 IF NOT DSK THEN 160
150 PUT #1,224:PUT #1,2:PUT #1,225:PUT
#1,2:PUT #1,128:PUT #1,31:CLOSE #1:EN
D

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160 FOR X=1 TO 25:PUT #1,0:NEXT X:CLOS
E #1:END
170 IF NOT DSK THEN 200
180 ? "INSERT DISK WITH DOS, PRESS RET
URN";:DIM INS(1):INPUT INS:OPEN #1,8,0
,"D:AUTORUN.SYS"
190 PUT #1,255:PUT #1,255:PUT #1,128:P
UT #1,31:PUT #1,190:PUT #1,58:GOTO 210
200 ? "READY CASSETTE AND PRESS RETURN
";:OPEN #1,8,128,"C":RESTORE 230:FOR
X=1 TO 40:READ N:PUT #1,N:NEXT X
210 ? :? "WRITING FILE":PA55=2:LINE=99
0:RESTORE 1000:TRAP 120:GOTO 50
220 ? "BAD DATA: LINE ";:LINE:END
230 DATA 0,55,88,31,127,31,169,0,141,4
7,2,169,60,141,2,211,169,0,141,231,2,1
33,14,169,56,141,232,2
240 DATA 133,15,169,128,133,10,169,31,
133,11,24,96
1000 DATA A2008E4402E886092065E44CB81F
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020290100202901002028080,119
1010 DATA 1002020202020270418E1FA2FF9A
20B22AA20CA00620772AA906A035205D2AA219
A00720772AA917A035205D2A,527
1020 DATA A208A00920772AA922A035205D2A
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1060 DATA A9079D42032056E430BA20382E20
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1070 DATA D7A035205D2A20152B20152B2015
2B20152B20102BA903A036205D2A20102BA924
A036205D2A20152B20152BA9,715
1080 DATA 278553A9C48D002A9308D01D0A9
CA8D02D0A9408D03D0A2FF8E0ED08E0FD08E10
D0E88E04D0E88E6F02A9038D,442
1090 DATA 09D08D0A08D08D08D0A9F08581A91E
8582A90D8552A085A22CA906205CE4A9318D00
02A92A8D0102A9C08D0ED4AD,551
1100 DATA C23A4CA823A2FF9A20BC2CEEC03A
D003EEC13AADCC3AD01BA92020D82DF01420B2
2AA208A00320772AA928A03A,724
1110 DATA 205D2A4C192EAD03AC920D01EAD
C13AD019AD0C73AD01420B22AA207A00320772A
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CC3AF020A91C20D82DF019AD0CB3AD01420B22A
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1130 DATA 5D2A4C192EAD033A101420B22AA2
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1140 DATA D33A4C0022A9018DD33AADCE3AD0
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1170 DATA C920F012E8E48490F420092DA959
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1220 DATA 2323232323232A00C20752AA98F
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A9C09D4403A93A9D4503A9489D4803A9019D49
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1300 DATA D022A91B20D82DF00AA941A03A20
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1320 DATA A5A4A4B9D43A9599A9FF99D43AD0
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1330 DATA 2AF009205F2D20972D4CCA2EADCD
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842EA590C909D026ADD13AF0034CB12E20E92D
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37843784377D387D38843784,576
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1480 DATA CC3A859A9048598205F2D202A2D
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1490 DATA D009A9C7A036205D2AD0017C922F0
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1500 DATA F0034CC32EA59020EB2DF00AA590
20D82DF0034C842EADCF3AD00AA9C8A038205D
2A4CCA2EA55A038205D2AA9,732
1510 DATA 008DCF3AA590C901D01EA99FA039
205D2AA9238599A2019DE23BE89DE23BA90385
96205F2D202A2D4CCA2E20D8,686
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A039205D2A4CCA2EC918F0034C692EAD0C23AC9  
13D0F6A9278599A20690E23B, 950  
1530 DATA A9158594205F2D202A2D4CC92D20  
EB2DF0034C842EA58FC91890034CA82EA590C9  
14D0034C9224C903F0034C57, 422  
1540 DATA 2EA91D20D82D000FA9258599A204  
9DE23BA9118594D0C0A91620D82D000AA9C4A0  
39205D2A4CCA2EA4CC132EA58F, 549  
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4CC32EA59020EB2DF0034C84, 612  
1560 DATA 2EA590C901D00AA9DBA039205D2A  
4CCA2EC906F0034C572EA9288599A2079DE23B  
8DCA3A4CD52820EB2DF0034C, 609  
1570 DATA 842EA590C907F0034C572EA91920  
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C91EF0034C572EA4A4A9FF99, 475  
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1600 DATA 4CA82EA91E20D82DF0034CC32EA5  
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1610 DATA 4F2ABC562A8D0AD48D18D08C0DD0  
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00F000A2008D44038C4503A9, 744  
1620 DATA 098D4203A97F8D48038E49034C56  
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1630 DATA FAA2008E01D2CA8EFC0260BDC32B  
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1640 DATA 2056E4A2008E4B03A9038D4203A9  
F48D4403A9348D4503A90C8D4A032056E4A900  
8D00D48D2F028D0D0D08D0ED0, 166  
1650 DATA 8D0FD08D10D0A2089D0C002CA10FA  
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7085108D0ED260A9EDA03520, 568  
1660 DATA 5D2A60A9F8A035205D2A60ADFC02  
C9FFF0F9A8A2FF8EFC0229C0F00620802A4C25  
2B9A20DD0D712BF0F2CA10F8, 534  
1670 DATA B97F2BC920F010C99BF00CC97EF0  
08C96190DCD838E920A07F8483A4838C1FD0A2  
08CA10FDC68310F2601C2C27, 419  
1680 DATA 3C36370F2002222606070E6C6A3B  
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787A348033361B352312C20, 818  
1690 DATA 2E6E806D2F81728065797F747771  
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1700 DATA 052D557DA5CDF51D3C3C3C3C3C3D  
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0006CA10FAA00C20752A2EFF, 621  
1710 DATA 86808EFC02E8868420252BC920F0  
08C97EF004C998D00620802A4CF42B20FB2C20  
56EA68420252BC998F03C29, 70  
1720 DATA 7ED010C68430E320FB2C2056E4A5  
84F0BBD0E520FB2C2056E4E684A584C91890D7  
2080A20252BC998F006C97E, 18  
1730 DATA F0D4D0F020FB2C86802056E4A018  
18B92D3E99053E2A2A2A2A2903AAB9053E291F  
1DBF2B990006A900992D3E83, 266  
1740 DATA 10DF60A9008585A580F029D8A555  
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1760 DATA B1F310FBA203B1F3098095ABCA88  
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8E4203A2008E48038E490360, 941  
1770 DATA A945A036205D2A60A209209E2AE8  
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91F3C8A99B91F3A5F3A4F4C, 196  
1830 DATA 5D2AA20AA00520772AA92AA03920  
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A210A90C9D42034C56E4A9FA, 384  
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989D450360A96A036205D2A0D06A9C7A03620  
5D2AD061A902A037205D2A00, 92  
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205D2A0D4CA9BCA036205D2A0D43A9A9A03620  
5D2AD03AA913A037205D2A00, 87  
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5D2AD007A9A4A037205D2A020, 20  
1870 DATA 7C2A4C472120802A4C3A224E5345  
5755445158415441484745545055A4C4524F52  
454D4C4F4F45584153454152, 910  
1880 DATA 45415055535052454F5045434C4F  
5553454B494C53484F464952425245534D4149  
4E53554E53484F4C554E4C43, 348  
1890 DATA 5554504F554C5542475245574541  
474F2092249224C32E08258C25A0825A0825  
F5260F270F27D0A27A82E692E, 68  
1900 DATA C32E45284528A82EA82EA228DE28  
29245297F29C929072072A232A484154444F  
4F4C4F435343414752415452, 464  
1910 DATA 4141495253574943414253494743  
4150475245524544474F4C53494C5748494741  
5550455253434F44495455, 818  
1920 DATA 43534C4F424F4C554E4950495353  
43524E4F544944204355544341525752454D41  
534741534B4E495348414D41, 182  
1930 DATA 4E5355494B455942524542555449  
4E56A213A9009DC03ACA10FAA200A9FF9D5E3B  
9DDA3AE8E08490F5A2059D4, 490  
1940 DATA 3A95999593CA10F6A2018ECF3A8E  
C23AA9208DC53AA9A88DC63AA225BD48309DE2  
3BCA10F7A227BD6E30BC9630, 254  
1950 DATA 99DA3ACA10F4A21FBD8E30BCDE30  
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08C0D0E0F10101112131414, 334  
1960 DATA 15161718191A1B1C1C1D1E1F2021  
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565A5B5C5D5E63666E727475, 366  
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0E2006000106070C1213181E, 480  
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72659B457363617065207475, 551  
2000 DATA 62659B4163636573732074756E6E  
656C9B4361707461696E277320717561727465  
72739B466F72776172642070, 149  
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6F6E61722073746174696F6E, 831  
2020 DATA 9B42616C6C61737420636F6E7472  
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2040 DATA 6C6F636B65729B53686F77657220  
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6572739B47616C6C65799B56, 873  
2050 DATA 656E74696C6174696F6E20647563  
749B46616E20726F6F6D9B4D697373696C6520  
636F6E74726F6C9B45717569, 566  
2060 DATA 706D656E74206261799B4C6F7765  
72206D697373696C65206261799BFE0B172538  
4853616F7F8FA1B3C0CFDDED, 642  
2070 DATA F4050E1E2C303131313131313131  
31313131313131313132323232323232323232  
2068617463689B4C6F636B65, 863  
2080 DATA 6420646F6F729B426C616E6B2073  
63616E6E65729B436C6F736564206772617465  
9B54726169746F7220776974, 440  
2090 DATA 6820706973746F6C9B436C6F7365  
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6D696E67207377697463689B, 37



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2100 DATA 506F776572206361626C659B5369
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656E20627574746F6E9B5265,632
2110 DATA 6420627574746F6E9B476F6C6420
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6E9B57686974652062757474,308
2120 DATA 6F6E9B4465707468206761756765
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646973706C61799B44756374,33
2130 DATA 20646F776E20746F2066616E2072
6F6F6D9B536C6F7420696E206169726C6F636B
9B426F6C74656420646F776E,417
2140 DATA 20736F6E617220756E69749B5069
73746F6C9B54696E7920736372657764726976
65729B53756963696465206E,80
2150 DATA 6F74659B53656375726974792049
449B4361626C6520637574746572739B436172
649B5772656E63689B476173,769
2160 DATA 206D61736B9B44756C6C206B6E69
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2170 DATA 74696F6E20737569749B4B65799B
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2180 DATA 6E6E65729B4F70656E2067726174
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2190 DATA 697661746564207377697463689B
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2200 DATA 20756E69749B6A7783919EB2C1D6
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DAE1EAF5FD0C1B1F2A34434E,994
2210 DATA 5B68798732323232323232323232
323333333333333333333333333333333333
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2220 DATA 3434453A9B433A9B44313A47414D
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7927739B4352415348204449,305
2230 DATA 56459B2843293139383420414E41
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2240 DATA 706C6179206E65722067616D659B
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6573746F7265206F6C642067,850
2250 DATA 616D659B526573746F7265206672
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2260 DATA C5A1A0A8D4CDA9A0A0A0A0A0C5
D6C5CED4A0A3A0A0A0A0A0A09BA0CCCFC3C1D4
C9CFCEA020A0A0A0A0C5D8C9,405
2270 DATA D4D3A09BA0A0D6C9D3C9C2CCC5A0
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2280 DATA D4A09BA0A0C8C1D0D0C5CED3A020
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2290 DATA A020A0A0A0A0A0A0C1D2C5A020A0
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616420636F6D6D616E649B42,402
2300 DATA 616420766572629B426164206E6F
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659B43616E277420676F2074,759
2310 DATA 686174207761799B547970652059
20746F20717569742067616D653A9B4F6B6179
9B416C726561647920686F6C,156
2320 DATA 64696E672069749B49736E277420
686572659B43616E277420646F207468617420
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2330 DATA 73206172652066756C6C219B4E6F
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4265206D6F72652073706563,761
2340 DATA 696669639B596F7520646F6E2774
20686176652069749B4E6F7468696E679B5479
7065204E2053204520572055,874
2350 DATA 206F7220449B526566657220746F
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2360 DATA 72799B446F65736E27742068656C
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206F7264696E6172799B596F,700
2370 DATA 7520666F756E6420736F6D657468
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456E656D7920617070726F61,158
2380 DATA 6368696E67219B53637265776564
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2390 DATA 206B657920746F20616374697661
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2400 DATA 45523A20526164696174696F6E20
7A6F6E65219B427261696E7320626C6F776E20
6F75749B5368616D706F6F20,222
2410 DATA 616C6C20757365642075709B4241
4E47219B416363657074732073656375726974
7920494420636172649B4974,470
2420 DATA 20676C6F77739B5365652070686F
746F20696E20414E414C4F47202331389B4163
65206F662053706164657321,307
2430 DATA 9B45617369657220736169642074
68616E20646F6E659B4F6E6C7920312062756C
6C65749B4E6F2062756C6C65,667
2440 DATA 74739B58203D9B59203D9B464154
484F4D539B4E6F7468696E672068617070656E
739B537562206C6576656C73,57
2450 DATA 206F66669B537562206469766573
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2460 DATA 6B696C6C7320796F7520696E7374
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207365637572659B416C7265,51
2470 DATA 616479206F70656E9B796F752061
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657374726F796564219B5472,745
2490 DATA 79206578616D696E696E67207468
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746F6F2074696E799B4B6579,326
2500 DATA 20776F6E2774206669749B41206A
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2510 DATA 6F747320796F7520616E649B5375
62206869747320626F74746F6D219B4120626C
617374206F6620726164696F,941
2520 DATA 61637469766974799B426F6C7473
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726174756C6174696F6E7321,539
2530 DATA 9B536176652067616D6520746F20
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2540 DATA 6361626C65980000000000000000
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## CHECKSUM DATA

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10 DATA 205,351,496,811,423,729,200,60
3,555,573,694,613,29,205,197,6684
160 DATA 749,198,962,93,491,30,155,941
,287,88,522,600,216,516,706,6554
1060 DATA 900,534,157,861,15,983,935,8
81,220,633,824,685,180,903,116,8827
1210 DATA 944,700,783,728,657,542,707,
886,830,993,213,263,281,961,898,10386
1360 DATA 420,104,44,85,96,544,679,976
,333,222,350,953,865,898,28,6597
1510 DATA 911,24,703,994,156,61,875,18
2,961,52,490,763,912,733,907,8724
1660 DATA 951,36,677,622,150,85,45,928
,938,343,792,708,780,219,815,8089
1810 DATA 905,315,845,974,48,770,505,4
86,805,645,202,458,956,165,618,8697
1960 DATA 134,577,302,470,410,679,737,
552,510,779,876,285,582,825,549,8267
2110 DATA 598,676,767,688,464,638,859,
679,393,228,920,433,555,654,755,9307
2260 DATA 384,174,307,915,532,571,503,
510,508,671,692,543,607,411,645,7973
2410 DATA 278,309,691,821,709,697,376,
584,566,567,528,718,673,490,8007

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## MACRO DEFINITIONS

## POSITION MACRO

```

SYNTAX:
POSITION xpos,ypos
;
.MACRO POSITION
;IF X0<2 .OR X1>39 .OR X2>23
;ERROR "POS parameters"
;ELSE
;IF X1=13
;LDY #X2
;JSR POSIT13
;ELSE
;LDX #X1
;LDY #X2
;JSR POSIT
;ENDIF
;ENDIF
.ENDM

```

## PRINT MACRO

```

SYNTAX:
PRINT <addr of EOL-terminated string>
;
.MACRO PRINT
;IF X0<1
;ERROR "PRINTE parameters"
;ELSE
;LDA #<X1
;LDY #>X1
;JSR EPRINT
;ENDIF
.ENDM

```

## TEXT MACRO

```

SYNTAX:
TEXT <"string">
;
.MACRO TEXT
;IF X0<1 .OR X1>127
;ERROR "TEXT parameters"
;ELSE
;BYTE #X1,EOL
;ENDIF
.ENDM

```

## SYSTEM EQUATES

## ZERO-PAGE

```

BOOT? = $09 ; OS boot flag
POKMSK = $10 ; interrupt mask
RTCCLK = $14 ; system clock
LMAR0N = $32 ; left margin
RMAR0N = $33 ; right margin
ROWCRS = $34 ; cursor row
COLCRS = $35 ; cursor column
RAMTOP = $6A ; # pages of RAM
FR0 = $D4 ; floating point register
CIX = $F2 ; FP index register
INBUFF = $F3 ; FP pointer

```

## PAGES 2-3

```

VDSLST = $0200 ; DLI vector
SRTIMR = $022B ; key repeat timer
SDMCTL = $022F ; DMA control
SDLSTL = $0230 ; D-list addr
COLDST = $0244 ; coldstart flag
GPRIOR = $026F ; PMB priority
PCOLR0 = $02C0 ; player 0 color
PCOLR1 = $02C1 ; player 1 color
PCOLR2 = $02C2 ; player 2 color
PCOLR3 = $02C3 ; player 3 color
PCOLR0 = $02C4 ; playfield 0 color
COLR01 = $02C5 ; playfield 1 color
COLR02 = $02C6 ; playfield 2 color
COLR04 = $02C8 ; background color
CRSINH = $02F0 ; cursor inhibit
CH = $02FC ; keypad register
ICOM = $0342 ; CIO command
ICBADR = $0344 ; CIO addr
ICBLN = $0348 ; CIO length
ICAXU1 = $034A ; AUX byte 1
ICAXU2 = $034B ; AUX byte 2

```

## GTIA/OTIA

```

HPOSP0 = $D000 ; h-pos player 0
HPOSP1 = $D001 ; " " 1
HPOSP2 = $D002 ; " " 2
HPOSP3 = $D003 ; " " 3

```

```

SIZEP0 = $D004 ; width player 0
SIZEP1 = $D005 ; " " 1
SIZEP2 = $D006 ; " " 2
SIZEP3 = $D007 ; " " 3
GRAFP0 = $D00D ; graphics player 0
GRAFP1 = $D00E ; " " 1
GRAFP2 = $D00F ; " " 2
GRAFP3 = $D010 ; " " 3
COLPF2 = $D018 ; color register 2
CONSOL = $D01F ; console keys

```

## POKEY

```

AUDF1 = $D200 ; frequency channel 1
AUDC1 = $D201 ; vol/disc channel 1
AUDCTL = $D208 ; audio control
RANDOM = $D20A ; random # generator
IRGEN = $D20E ; interrupt enable

```

## ANTIC

```

DMACTL = $D400 ; DMA control
WSYNC = $D40A ; wait for horz sync
NMEN = $D40E ; NMI enable

```

## FLOATING POINT

```

FASC = $D8E6 ; FP-to-ATASCI
IFF = $D9AA ; integer-to-FP
ZFR0 = $DA44 ; clear FR0

```

## OS ROUTINES

```

CIOV = $E456 ; CIO entry
SETVBV = $E45C ; set v-blank vector
SYSVBV = $E45F ; OS VBI entry
SIDINV = $E465 ; SID init

```

## INTERNAL EQUATES

## MEMORY ALLOCATION

```

INLINE = $0600 ; text input buffer
GAMEDATA = $3AC0 ; working area
EDLIST = $3C20 ; start of E: display list
SCREEN = $3C40 ; start of screen RAM

```

## Game play database

```

; GAMEDATA
EVENT == +2 ; event #
PLACE == +1 ; location
SLAT == +1 ; ship's latitude
SLON == +1 ; ship's longitude
MLAT == +1 ; missile latitude
MLON == +1 ; missile longitude
DEPTH == +1 ; sub's depth
GREEN == +1 ; green button on/off
RED == +1 ; red button on/off
SWITCH == +1 ; arming switch on/off
BREATH == +1 ; holding breath?
HATCH == +1 ; hatch opened?
UNIT == +1 ; unit dropped in rm 17?
CRASHED == +1 ; sub crashed?
BULLET == +1 ; bullet used?
SUIT == +1 ; suit searched?
CAPTAIN == +1 ; captain searched?
BOLD == +1 ; breath holding counter
TRAITOR == +1 ; traitor wait counter
HOLDINBS == +6 ; current inventory
VECTORS == +132 ; current vector table
OBJECTS == +132 ; current object table
NTRANS == +38 ; current translation matrix

```

## MISCELLANEOUS

```

EOL = $9B
SPACE = $20

```

## ZERO-PAGE

```

; Cursor control
CURSEN == +1 ; cursor on/off flag
CSHAPE == +1 ; current cursor shape
BLINK == +1 ; cursor blink timer
; Keyboard handler
CLICK == +1 ; key click counter
LENBTH == +1 ; line length register
; DLI control
DLICOL == +1 ; DLI color index
; Screen clearing
CLPOINT == +2 ; screen clear pointer
CINDEX == +1 ; window clear index

```

## Parser

```

PBUFF == +3 ; parsing buffer
PDEX == +1 ; scanning index
LBREAK == +1 ; pos. of space char
VCODE == +1 ; verb code #
UCODE == +1 ; untranslated noun code #
NCODE == +1 ; translated noun code #
DOVECT == +2 ; verb execution vector
CURVECT == +6 ; current room vectors
CUROBJR == +6 ; current room objects
NEWPLACE == +1 ; next room code #
VPNT == +2 ; addr of current v-buffer
OPNT == +2 ; addr of current o-buffer
INVPOS == +1 ; position in inventory buffer
ROOMPOS == +1 ; position in room buffer
ANY? == +1 ; flag for empty room/inv
LATSHOW == +1 ; latitude to display
LONSHOW == +1 ; longitude to display
VLAST == +1 ; last verb
ULAST == +1 ; last noun

```

## Event counter

```

EBUFF == +5 ; printing buffer

```

## INITIALIZATION

```

;
; == $1F80
ENTRY
LDX #0
STX COLDST
INX
STX BOOT? ; = 1
JSR SIDINV ; for sound init
JMP TITLE

```

## CUSTOM DISPLAY LIST

```

DLIST
.BYTE $70,$70,$70,$70 ; blank 32 lines
.BYTE $42,<SCREEN,>$SCREEN ; text w/LMS
.BYTE $90,$10 ; blank 4 w/DLI
.BYTE $02 ; text (location)
.BYTE $90,$10 ; blank 4 w/DLI
.BYTE $02 ; text (exits)
.BYTE $90,$10 ; blank 4 w/DLI
.BYTE $02,$02,$02,$02,$02,$02 ; text (v-items)
.BYTE $90,$10 ; blank 4 w/DLI
.BYTE $02,$02 ; text (events)
.BYTE $90,$10 ; blank 4 w/DLI
.BYTE $02,$02 ; text (responses)
.BYTE $80,$80,$10 ; blank 4 w/DLI
.BYTE $02,$02,$02,$02,$02 ; text (i-items)
.BYTE $70 ; blank 8
.BYTE $41,<DLIST,>DLIST ; JVB

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## TITLE SCREEN

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TITLE
LDX #$FF
TXS
JSR NEWScreen ; reset E:
POSITION 12,6
PRINT T0 ; "Brian Moriarty's"
POSITION 25,7
PRINT T1 ; "CRASH DIVE"
POSITION 8,9
PRINT T2 ; "(C)1984 ANALOG Computing"

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## STARTUP

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POSITION 5,16
PRINT T3 ; "Press START to play new game"
POSITION 3,18
PRINT T4 ; "Press OPTION to restore old game"

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LDA #6
STA EDLIST+12 ; modify
STA EDLIST+13 ; display list

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LDA #$22
STA SDMTL ; restore screen
JSR BEEP

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## Wait for selection

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POLL
CMP #7 ; scan until a
BEQ POLL ; key is pressed

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## LET80

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LDX CONSOL
CPX #7
BNE LET80
CMP #6 ; START pressed?
BEQ NEWGAME ; yes, do a new game
CMP #3 ; OPTION pressed?
BEQ RESTORE ; yes, restore old game

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## BADPOLL

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JSR BOOP ; else
JMP POLL ; resume scan

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## Start new game



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NEWGAME      JSR INITDATA
              JMP PLAYSCREEN
;
; Restore a previous game
RESTORE      POSITION 5,20
              PRINT T5 ; "Restore from Disk or Tape?"
              JSR BEEP
DORT         JSR GETKEY
              CMP #0 ; disk?
              BEQ GETDISK
              CMP #1 ; tape?
              BEQ GETTAPE
DORTERR      JSR CLOSE1
              JSR BOOP
              JMP DORT
;
; Get game from disk
GETDISK      JSR DPOINT
              JMP READOPEN
;
; Get game from tape
GETTAPE      JSR TPOINT
;
READOPEN     LDA #3 ; OPEN command
              STA ICCOM,X
              LDA #4 ; READ
              STA ICAUX1,X
              LDA #0
              STA ICAUX2,X
              JSR CIOV
              BMI DORTERR
;
; Get game data thru IOCB #1
GETDATA      LDX #10
              LDA #<GAMEDATA
              STA ICBADR,X
              LDA #>GAMEDATA
              STA ICBADR+1,X
              LDA #48
              STA ICLEN,X
              LDA #01
              STA ICLEN+1,X
              LDA #7 ; GET RECORD
              STA ICCOM,X
              JSR CIOV
              BMI DORTERR
              JSR CLOSE1
;
; PLAYSCREEN INIT
PLAYSCREEN    JSR NEWSCREEN ; reset E:
;
; Enable custom display list
LDA #<DLIST
STA SDSLSTL
LDA #>DLIST
STA SDSLSTL+1
;
; Print title & labels
PRINT T6 ; "CRASH DIVE! (TM) EVENT #"
LDA #12 ; set right margin
STA RMARBON ; for wraparound
PRINT T7 ; "LOCATION/EXITS"
PRINT T8 ; "VISIBLE ITEMS"
JSR BAR
JSR BAR
JSR BAR
JSR BAR ; 4 blank bars
JSR SAYWHAT ; "WHAT"
PRINT T11 ; "HAPPENS/YOUR RESPONSE"
JSR SAYWHAT ; "WHAT"
PRINT T12 ; "YOU ARE CARRYING"
JSR BAR
JSR BAR ; more blank bars
LDA #39
STA RMARBON ; reset
;
LDA #C4 ; green
STA PCOLR0 ; cursor
;
; Setup P/M borders & mask
LDA #48
STA HPOS1 ; position left
LDA #202 ; and
STA HPOS2 ; right borders
LDA #64 ; and
STA HPOS3 ; title cover
LDX #255
STX BRAFP1 ; set up

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STX BRAFP2 ; side borders and
STX BRAFP3 ; title mask
INX ; = 0
STX SIZE0 ; set cursor width
INX ; = 1
STX OPRIOR ; set player priority
LDA #3
STA SIZE1 ; set border
STA SIZE2 ; and mask
STA SIZE3 ; widths
;
LDA #F0 ; init
STA CSHAPE ; cursor shape
LDA #30 ; and
STA BLINK ; blink timer
;
LDA #13
STA LMARBON ; init left margin
;
LDY #<IMMVBI ; set VBI vector,
LDX #>IMMVBI ; specifying
LDA #6 ; immediate-mode
JSR SETVBV
;
LDA #<DLI
STA VDSLST
LDA #>DLI ; tell OS where
STA VDSLST+1 ; DLI service routine
LDA #C0 ; set bits 6 & 7 of NMIE
STA NMIE ; to enable DLIs and VBIs
;
LDA PLACE
JMP REENTRY
;
EVENT GENERATOR
-----
NEXTEVENT   LDX #FF ; empty stack
              TXS ; just in case!
              JSR SHOWEV ; show event #
              INC EVENT ; update
              BNE RADIO ; event
              INC EVENT+1 ; counter
;
; Handle room #
RADIO       LDA PLACE
              BNE ENEMY
              LDA #32 ; got suit?
              JSR OWNIT?
              BEQ ENEMY
              JSR NEWSCREEN
              POSITION 8,3
              PRINT T79 ; "A blast of radioactivity"
              JMP KILLS
;
; Check for enemy takeover
ENEMY       LDA EVENT
              CMP #32
              BNE LUNGS
              LDA EVENT+1
              BNE LUNGS
              LDA DEPTH
              BNE LUNGS
              JSR NEWSCREEN
              POSITION 7,3
              PRINT T67 ; "Enemy captures the sub and"
              JMP KILLS
;
; Limit breath-holding
LUNGS       LDA BREATH ; holding it?
              BEQ POISON ; no - skip this
              DEC BHOLD ; else decrement count
              BNE POISON ; continue if NZ
              LDA #0 ; else
              STA BREATH ; release hold
;
; Handle poison atmosphere
POISON      LDA HATCH ; hatch opened?
              BEQ DOTRAIT ; not yet
              LDA #28 ; got the
              JSR OWNIT? ; mask?
              BEQ DOTRAIT ; yup - you're safe
              LDA BREATH ; holding breath?
              BNE DOTRAIT ; good thing, otherwise ...
              JSR NEWSCREEN
              POSITION 8,3
              PRINT T62 ; "A cloud of poisonous gas"
              JMP KILLS
;
; Handle traitor
DOTRAIT     LDA TRAITOR
              BPL NTRAIT
              JSR NEWSCREEN

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POSITION 9,3
PRINT T77 ; "Traitor shoots you and"
JMP KILLS
NTRAIT      LDA PLACE ; is this
              CMP #18 ; room 18?
              BNE TRESET ; we're safe
              LDA #4 ; is the traitor
              JSR INROOM? ; lurking?
              BNE TRESET ; thankfully not
              DEC TRAITOR ; else reduce wait time
              JMP DOCRASH
;
TRESET      LDA #1
              STA TRAITOR
;
; Change sub coords, handle crash
DOCRASH     LDA CRASHED
              BNE PARSER
              LDA RANDOM
              AND #F8
              STA SLAT
              LDA RANDOM
              AND #F8
              STA SLON
              LDA RED
              BEQ PARSER
              LDA DEPTH
              CLC
              ADC #8
              STA DEPTH
              BPL PARSER
              STA CRASHED
              JSR CLWH
              PRINT T45 ; "BANB!"
              PRINT T78 ; "Sub hits bottom!"
;
; INPUT PARSER
PARSER      LDA #22
              STA SDCTL
              JSR GETLINE ; put line into INLINE
              JSR CLWH
              LDX LENGTH
              CPX #1 ; if length is 1
              BNE DOCLAUSE ; check for legality
;
; Check for a legal single-char command
LDA INLINE ; get the character
LDX #0 ; init search index
LEGSING     CMP SCOMS,X
              BEQ EXSING ; matched! go do it
              DEX ; otherwise
              BPL LEGSING ; keep searching
              JSR SYNERR ; error, so print
              PRINT T14 ; "Invalid command"
              JMP BADPARSE ; and try again
;
; Execute a single-char command
EXSING      LDA SVECTL,X ; fetch the 1st
              STA DOVECT ; and
              LDA SVECTH,X ; 1st of the
              STA DOVECT+1 ; execution addr
              JMP (DOVECT) ; and do it!
;
; Find the 1st space character
; in the user's response
DOCLAUSE    LDA #SPACE
              STA PBUFF+1
              STA PBUFF+2
              LDX #1
FIND1       LDA INLINE,X ; length is in X
              CMP #SPACE ; is it a space?
              BEQ ENDV ; yes!
              INX ; else keep scanning
              CPX LENGTH
              BCC FIND1
BADVERB     JSR SYNERR ; verb is no good, so print
              PRINT T15 ; "Verb not recognized"
              JMP BADPARSE ; and try again
;
; Space char found, so record its
; position and move the first half
; of the clause into the parsing buffer
ENDV        STX LBREAK
              CPX #2
              BCC TOVB
              LDX #2
TOVB

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LDA INLINE,X
STA PBUFF,X
DEX
BPL TOVB
; Check for a legal verb
;
LDX #0      ; init verb index
STX VCODE
VNEXT
STX PDEX
LDY #0      ; init buffer char index
VSCAN
LDA PBUFF,Y ; get a char from buffer
CMP VERBS,X ; match?
BNE NEXTRY2 ; nope - try another verb
INX
INX
CPY #3
BCC VSCAN   ; if all 3 chars match
BCS LEGALV  ; the verb is legal
NEXTRY
INC VCODE
LDX PDEX
INX
INX
INX
CPX #NV*3+3 ; out of verbs?
BCC VNEXT   ; nope - keep scanning
BCS BADVERB ; else verb is worthless
; Verb is legal, so fetch its execution
; vector
LEGALV
LDA VCODE   ; fetch verb #
CMP #28     ; if it's 00,
BNE MOVE2   ; warn user:
PRINT T29   ; "Type N S E W U or D"
JMP BADPARSE
; Move the second half of the
; clause into the parsing buffer
MOVE2
LDX LBREAK  ; fetch pos. of space char
INX
LDY #0      ; init buffer char index
MOVEN
LDA INLINE,X ; fetch character
STA PBUFF,Y ; stuff into buffer
INX
INX
CPY #3      ; until 3 characters
BCC MOVEN   ; have been moved
; Check for a legal noun
;
LDX #0      ; init noun index
STX UCODE
NNEXT
STX PDEX
LDY #0      ; init buffer char index
NSCAN
LDA PBUFF,Y ; get a char from buffer
CMP NOUNS,X ; match?
BNE NEXTRY2 ; nope - try another noun
INX
INX
CPY #3
BCC NSCAN   ; if all 3 chars match
BCS LEGALN  ; the noun is legal
NEXTRY2
INC UCODE
LDX PDEX
INX
INX
INX
CPX #NN*3+3 ; out of nouns?
BCC NNEXT   ; nope - keep scanning
JSR SYNERG  ; else noun is garbage
PRINT T16   ; "Noun not in vocabulary"
JMP BADPARSE
; Noun's code # is in UCODE;
; verb's code # is in VCODE;
; verb execution addr is in DOVECT
;
LEGALN
LDA VCODE   ; fetch
STA VLAST  ; execution addr
ASL A      ; and
TAX        ; save it
LDA VVECTS,X
STA DOVECT ; in DOVECT
INX
LDA VVECTS,X
STA DOVECT+1
LDA UCODE
STA ULAST
CMP #39    ; was it BUTTON?
BEQ DOBUTT
CMP #40    ; was it INVENTORY?
BEQ DOINVE

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TAX
LDA NTRANS,X ; translate noun
STA NCODE
JMP (DOVECT) ; execute verb
; Handle BUTTON
;
DOBUTT
PRINT T30 ; "Refer to it by color"
JMP BADPARSE
; Handle INVENTORY
;
DOINVE
PRINT T31 ; "Type I for inventory"
JMP BADPARSE
;
; EXECUTE SINGLE-CHAR COMMANDS
;
; COMMAND VECTOR TABLES
;
SVECTL
.BYTE <DOM, <DOM, <DOM, <DOM, <DOM
.SVECTH
.BYTE >DOM, >DOM, >DOM, >DOM, >DOM
;
; HANDLE "Q" (QUIT)
;
DOQ
POSITION 13,12
PRINT T19 ; "Type Y to quit game:"
POSITION 34,12
STX CURSEN ; enable cursor
JSR BEEP
JSR GETKEY
CMP #'Y
BEQ DOQUIT
LDX #12
JSR ERASE
JMP BADPARSE
DOQUIT
JMP TITLE
;
; HANDLE MOVEMENT
;
ENTRY: Vector (0-5) in X
;
DOM
LDA CURVECT,X
BPL EXMOVE
CANTGO
PRINT T18 ; "You can't go that way."
JMP BADPARSE
EXMOVE
CLD ; for safety
STA NEWPLACE ; save destination
JSR SAVELOC ; save status
LDA NEWPLACE ; get destination,
STA PLACE ; make it current, and
JSR BPOINT ; point to the new buffers
; Get new buffer data
;
LDY #5
RLOOP
LDA (VPNT),Y
STA CURVECT,Y
LDA (OPNT),Y
STA CUROBJS,Y
DEY
BPL RLOOP
; Refresh screen
SHOWPLACE
LDX #1
JSR ERASE ; clear location window
POSITION 13,1
LDX PLACE ; get loc #
LDA RDLS,X ; fetch lsb and
LDY RDHS,X ; msb of text addr and
JSR EPRINT ; print it
;
JSR SHOWVIS ; display visible items
JSR SHOWVECTS ; display new vectors
JSR SHOWINV ; show inventory
JMP POKAY ; congratulations!
;
; POINT TO NEW BUFFERS
;
ENTRY: Buffer # (0-23) in A
BPOINT
ASL A ; * 2
STA NCODE ; save it
ASL A ; * 4
CLC
ADC NCODE ; *2 + *4 = *6
STA NCODE ; save it
CLC
ADC # <VECTORS

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STA VPNT
LDA # >VECTORS
ADC #0
STA VPNT+1
CLC
LDA NCODE
ADC # <OBJECTS
STA OPNT
LDA # >OBJECTS
ADC #0
STA OPNT+1
RTS
;
; HANDLE "X" (SAVE GAME)
;
DOX
JSR SAVELOC ; save current status
JSR NEWSCREEN
POSITION 5,11
PRINT T82 ; "Save game to Disk or Cassette?"
LDA #22
STA SDMCTL
JSR BEEP
SAVEPOLL
JSR GETKEY
CMP #'D
BEQ DSAVE
CMP #'C
BEQ CSAVE
BADWRITE
JSR CLOSE1
JSR BOOP
JMP SAVEPOLL
; Save to disk
DSAVE
JSR DPOINT
JMP GSAVE
; Save to cassette
CSAVE
JSR TPOINT
;
GSAVE
LDA #3
STA ICCOM,X
LDA #8
STA ICAUX1,X
LDA #0
STA ICAUX2,X
JSR CIOV
BMI BADWRITE
; Write out game data
WRITE
LDX #10
LDA # <GAMEDATA
STA ICBADR,X
LDA # >GAMEDATA
STA ICBADR+1,X
LDA #48
STA ICBLEN,X
LDA #01
STA ICBLEN+1,X
LDA #11
STA ICCOM,X
JSR CIOV
BMI BADWRITE
JSR CLOSE1
JMP PLAYSCREEN
;
; HANDLE "A" (ABAIN)
;
DOA
LDA VLAST ; restore old verb
STA VCODE
LDA ULAST ; and noun
STA UCODE
JMP LEGALN ; and do it again!
;
; SAVE LOC STATUS
;
SAVELOC
LDA PLACE
JSR BPOINT
LDY #5
SLOOP
LDA CURVECT,Y
STA (VPNT),Y
LDA CUROBJS,Y
STA (OPNT),Y
DEY
BPL SLOOP
RTS
;
; VERB EXECUTORS
;
; ENTRY: Translated noun code in A
; and in NCODE;
; untranslated code in UCODE

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;
;
; TAKE
; ----
; DOTAKE
; LDA UCODE
; CMP #22 ; is it moveable?
; BCS DT0 ; yes
; JMP IMPOSS
;
; DT0
; LDA NCODE
; JSR OWNIT? ; already have it?
; BNE DT1
; JMP ALREADY
;
; DT1
; LDA NCODE
; JSR INROOM? ; is it here?
; BEQ DT2
; JMP NOTHERE
;
; DT2
; LDA NCODE
; CMP #20 ; bolted unit?
; BNE DT3
; PRINT T41 ; "Bolts are tight & rusty"
; JMP GOODPARSE
;
; DT3
; CMP #42 ; free unit?
; BNE DT3B
; LDA PLACE ; room 0?
; BNE DT3B
; LDA #27 ; got wrench?
; JSR OWNIT?
; BEQ DT3A
; PRINT T80 ; "Bolts won't let you"
; JMP GOODPARSE
;
; DT3A
; LDA #7
; JSR INROOM? ; power cable
; BNE DT3B
; PRINT T83 ; "Connected to cable"
; JMP GOODPARSE
;
; DT3B
; JSR INVSPACE? ; arms full?
; BEQ DT4
; JMP ARMSFULL
;
; DT4
; LDX ROOMPOS ; get object position
; LDY INVPOS ; and inv position
; LDA CUROBJS,X ; pick it up
; STA HOLDINGS,Y ; add to inventory
; LDA #FF
; STA CUROBJS,X ; leave a blank slot
;
; SHOWALL
; JSR SHOWVIS ; show room
; JSR SHOWINV ; and inventory
; JMP POKAY ; done!
;
; ;
; ;
; ; DROP
; ; ----
; ;
; ; DODROP
; ; JSR OWNIT? ; do you have it?
; ; BEQ DD0
; ; JMP DONTHAVE
; ;
; ; DD0
; ; LDA PLACE
; ; CMP #17 ; is this room 17?
; ; BEQ DROP17 ; special handling
; ;
; ; DD1
; ; JSR ROOMSPACE? ; enough room for it?
; ; BEQ DROPIT
; ; JMP ROOMFULL
; ;
; ; DROPIT
; ; LDX ROOMPOS
; ; LDY INVPOS
; ; LDA HOLDINGS,Y
; ; STA CUROBJS,X
; ; LDA #FF
; ; STA HOLDINGS,Y
; ; BNE SHOWALL
; ;
; ; ;
; ; ; Handle room 17
; ; ;
; ; ; DROP17
; ; ; JSR ROOMIN18? ; space in room 18?
; ; ; BNE DD1 ; no - drop it in 17
; ; ; LDY INVPOS ; get inv position
; ; ; LDX ROOMPOS ; and pos in room 18
; ; ; LDA HOLDINGS,Y ; pick up item
; ; ; STA OBJECTS,X ; and put in 18
; ; ; LDA #FF ; clear inventory
; ; ; STA HOLDINGS,Y ; slot
; ; ; PRINT T68 ; "It falls down the pipe"
; ; ; LDA NCODE
; ; ; CMP #42 ; dropped the unit?
; ; ; BEQ DROPUNIT ; special handling
; ;
; ; D17B
; ; JSR SHOWVIS
; ; JSR SHOWINV
; ; JMP GOODPARSE
; ;
; ; ;
; ; ; Handle
; ; ; UNIT in 17
; ; ;
; ; ; DROPUNIT
; ; ; LDA UNIT ; init = 0
; ; ; BNE D17B
; ; ; LDA #3B ; update traitor
; ;
;
; LDX #5 ; status in
; STA UNIT ; unit flag,
; STA NTRANS,X ; translation matrix
; LDX #108 ; and object
; STA OBJECTS,X ; matrix
; JSR ROOMIN18? ; find room
; LDX ROOMPOS ; for pistol
; LDA #21 ; and
; STA OBJECTS,X ; drop it in 18
; BNE D17B
;
; ;
; ; Find empty slot in room 18
; ;
; ; ROOMIN18?
; ; LDX #109 ; skip 1st object
; ; RN18
; ; LDA OBJECTS,X
; ; BMI RN18A ; found a blank!
; ; INX
; ; CPX #113 ; scan to end
; ; BCC RN18 ; of room
; ; TXA ; return NZ status
; ; RTS
; ;
; ; RN18A
; ; STX ROOMPOS ; save room pos
; ; LDA #0 ; set zero status
; ; RTS
; ;
; ; ;
; ; ; REMOVE
; ; ; ----
; ; ; DOREMOVE
; ; ; CMP #22 ; moveable?
; ; ; BCS DRM
; ; ; JMP IMPOSS
; ; ;
; ; ; DRM
; ; ; CMP #28 ; mask?
; ; ; BEQ GODROP
; ; ; CMP #32 ; suit?
; ; ; BEQ GODROP
; ; ; CMP #42 ; unit?
; ; ; BEQ GOBRAB
; ; ; JMP BESPEC
; ; ;
; ; ; GOBRAB
; ; ; JMP DOTAKE
; ; ;
; ; ; GODROP
; ; ; JMP DODROP
; ; ;
; ; ; ;
; ; ; ; LOOK/EXAM
; ; ; ; ----
; ; ; ;
; ; ; ; DOLOOK
; ; ; ; JSR INROOM? ; is it in room?
; ; ; ; BEQ LOOKOK ; if not,
; ; ; ; LDA NCODE
; ; ; ; JSR OWNIT? ; do you have it?
; ; ; ; BEQ LOOKOK
; ; ; ; JMP NOTHERE ; guess not
; ; ; ;
; ; ; ; LOOKOK
; ; ; ; LDA NCODE
; ; ; ; CMP #9 ; captain?
; ; ; ; BNE LK0
; ; ; ;
; ; ; ; ;
; ; ; ; ; Search captain
; ; ; ; ;
; ; ; ; ; EXAMCAP
; ; ; ; ; LDA CAPTAIN
; ; ; ; ; BEQ EC0
; ; ; ; ; JMP SEEMSORD
; ; ; ; ;
; ; ; ; ; EC0
; ; ; ; ; JSR ROOMSPACE?
; ; ; ; ; BEQ EC1
; ; ; ; ; JMP ROOMFULL
; ; ; ; ;
; ; ; ; ; EC1
; ; ; ; ; PRINT T35 ; "Found something!"
; ; ; ; ; LDA #24
; ; ; ; ; STA CAPTAIN
; ; ; ; ; LDX ROOMPOS
; ; ; ; ; STA CUROBJS,X
; ; ; ; ; JSR SHOWVIS
; ; ; ; ; JMP GOODPARSE
; ; ; ; ;
; ; ; ; ; ;
; ; ; ; ; ; LK0
; ; ; ; ; ; CMP #15 ; gauge?
; ; ; ; ; ; BNE LK1
; ; ; ; ; ;
; ; ; ; ; ; Read depth gauge
; ; ; ; ; ;
; ; ; ; ; ; READGAUGE
; ; ; ; ; ; JSR ZFR0
; ; ; ; ; ; LDA DEPTH
; ; ; ; ; ; STA FR0
; ; ; ; ; ; JSR VPRINT
; ; ; ; ; ; PRINT T55 ; "Fathoms"
; ; ; ; ; ; JMP GOODPARSE
; ; ; ; ; ;
; ; ; ; ; ; ;
; ; ; ; ; ; ; LK1
; ; ; ; ; ; ; CMP #17 ; display?
; ; ; ; ; ; ; BNE LK2
; ; ; ; ; ; ;
; ; ; ; ; ; ; Read navigation displays
; ; ; ; ; ; ;
; ; ; ; ; ; ; READISP
; ; ; ; ; ; ; LDA PLACE
; ; ; ; ; ; ; CMP #11 ; missile room?
; ; ; ; ; ; ; BEQ SHOWMD
; ; ; ; ; ; ; LDA SLAT
; ;
;
; LDX SLON
; BNE DISHOW
;
; LDA MLAT
; LDX MLON
;
; STA LATSHOW
; STX LONSHOW
; PRINT T53 ; "X ="
; POSITION 17,9
; JSR ZFR0
; LDA LATSHOW
; STA FR0
; JSR VPRINT
; PRINT T54 ; "Y ="
; POSITION 17,10
; JSR ZFR0
; LDA LONSHOW
; STA FR0
; JSR VPRINT
; BNE LKX
;
; ;
; ; LK2
; ; CMP #32 ; suit?
; ; BNE LK3
; ;
; ; ;
; ; ; Examine suit
; ; ;
; ; ; EXAMSUIT
; ; ; LDA SUIT
; ; ; BEQ ES0
; ; ; JMP SEEMSORD
; ; ;
; ; ; ES0
; ; ; JSR ROOMSPACE?
; ; ; BEQ ES1
; ; ; JMP ROOMFULL ; "Not enough room here."
; ; ;
; ; ; ES1
; ; ; PRINT T35 ; "Found something!"
; ; ; LDA #33 ; key
; ; ; STA SUIT
; ; ; LDX ROOMPOS
; ; ; STA CUROBJS,X
; ; ; JSR SHOWVIS
; ; ; JMP GOODPARSE
; ; ;
; ; ; ;
; ; ; ; LK3
; ; ; ; CMP #21 ; pistol?
; ; ; ; BNE LK4
; ; ; ;
; ; ; ; ;
; ; ; ; ; Examine pistol
; ; ; ; ;
; ; ; ; ; EXAMPIST
; ; ; ; ; LDA BULLET
; ; ; ; ; BNE PX0
; ; ; ; ; PRINT T52 ; "No bullets"
; ; ; ; ; BNE LKX
; ; ; ; ;
; ; ; ; ; PX0
; ; ; ; ; PRINT T51 ; "Only 1 bullet"
; ; ; ; ; BNE LKX
; ; ; ; ;
; ; ; ; ; ;
; ; ; ; ; ; LK4
; ; ; ; ; ; ASL A ; * 2
; ; ; ; ; ; TAX ; use as an index
; ; ; ; ; ; LDA LK1,X ; fetch 1st
; ; ; ; ; ; INX ; and
; ; ; ; ; ; LDY LK1,X ; msb of text addr
; ; ; ; ; ; JSR EPRINT ; print text
; ; ; ; ; ;
; ; ; ; ; ; LKX
; ; ; ; ; ; JMP GOODPARSE ; and exit
; ; ; ; ; ;
; ; ; ; ; ; ;
; ; ; ; ; ; ; EXAM TEXT LOOKUP TABLE
; ; ; ; ; ; ; ----
; ; ; ; ; ; ; LK1
; ; ; ; ; ; ; .WORD T36,T64,T34,T38
; ; ; ; ; ; ; .WORD T39,T34,T64,T39
; ; ; ; ; ; ; .WORD T42,T34,T34,T34
; ; ; ; ; ; ; .WORD T34,T34,T39,T34
; ; ; ; ; ; ; .WORD T37,T34,T34,T46
; ; ; ; ; ; ; .WORD T41,T34,T34,T48
; ; ; ; ; ; ; .WORD T48,T34,T49,T34
; ; ; ; ; ; ; .WORD T34,T34,T48,T48
; ; ; ; ; ; ; .WORD T34,T34,T34,T34
; ; ; ; ; ; ; .WORD T37,T34,T34,T49
; ; ; ; ; ; ; .WORD T39,T34,T47
; ; ; ; ; ; ;
; ; ; ; ; ; ; READ
; ; ; ; ; ; ; ----
; ; ; ; ; ; ; DOREAD
; ; ; ; ; ; ; LDX #9
; ; ; ; ; ; ; RDLOOP
; ; ; ; ; ; ; CMP READS,X
; ; ; ; ; ; ; BEQ READOK
; ; ; ; ; ; ; DEX
; ; ; ; ; ; ; BPL RDLOOP
; ; ; ; ; ; ; JMP IMPOSS
; ; ; ; ; ; ;
; ; ; ; ; ; ; READOK
; ; ; ; ; ; ; JMP DOLOOK
; ; ; ; ; ; ;
; ; ; ; ; ; ; ;
; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; READable nouns
; ; ; ; ; ; ; ;
; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; READS
; ; ; ; ; ; ; .BYTE 2,36,8,15,17
; ; ; ; ; ; ; .BYTE 23,24,26,30,31
;

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; PUSH
; ----
; DOPUSH JSR OWNIT?
; BNE DPH
; JMP WHYBOTH

DPH LDA NCODE
; JSR INROOM?
; BEQ DPH0
; JMP NOTHERE

DPH0 LDA NCODE
; CMP #10 ; green button?
; BNE DPH1

; Handle green button push
;
; LDX #3
; LDA GREEN
; BEQ SCANON
; LDA #0
; STA GREEN
; LDA #2 ; blank scanner

SCANNER STA NTRANS,X
; STA CUROBJS
; JSR SHOWVIS
; JMP GOODPARSE

SCANON LDA OBJECTS+1 ; check cable
; CMP #7
; BEQ ONGREEN
; JMP NOTHAP ; "Nothing happens"

ONGREEN STX GREEN
; LDA #36
; BNE SCANNER ; active scanner

; DPH1
; CMP #11 ; red button?
; BNE DPH2

; Handle red button push
;
; LDX RED
; BEQ REDON
; LDA #0
; STA RED
; PRINT T59 ; "Sub levels off"
; BNE REDX

REDON INX ; = 1
; STX RED
; PRINT T60 ; "Sub dives!"

REDX JMP GOODPARSE

; DPH2
; CMP #12 ; gold button?
; BNE DPH3

; Handle gold button
;
; LDA MLAT
; CLD
; CLC
; ADC #8
; STA MLAT
; JMP SHOWMD

; DPH3
; CMP #13 ; silver button?
; BNE DPH4

; Handle silver button
;
; LDA MLON
; SEC
; CLD
; SBC #8
; STA MLON
; JMP SHOWMD

; DPH4
; CMP #14 ; white button?
; BNE SORRY

; Handle white button
;
; PUSHWHITE LDA MLAT ; missile =
; CMP SLAT ; sub?
; BNE SORRY
; LDA MLON ; missile =
; CMP SLON ; sub?
; BNE SORRY
; LDA SWITCH ; missile armed?
; BEQ SORRY
; JSR NEWSSCREEN
; LDA #14
; STA COLOR2
; STA COLOR4
; LDA #0
; STA COLOR1

POSITION 12,11
PRINT T81 ; "Congratulations!"
LDA #22
STA SDMCTL

SOLVED JMP SOLVED
SORRY JMP NOTHAP ; "Nothing happens."
;
; OPEN
; ----
DOOPEN CMP #6 ; can't be OPENED
; BCC OP0
; JMP IMPOSS ; if NCODE > 6

OP0 JSR INROOM? ; is it here?
; BEQ OP1
; JMP NOTHERE ; nope

OP1 LDA NCODE ; hatch?
; BNE OP2

HOPEN LDA #34
; STA HATCH ; mark hatch as opened
; STA CUROBJS ; change in current objects
; LDA #4
; STA CURVECT+5 ; room 4
; JSR SHOWVIS
; JSR SHOWVECTS
; JMP POKAY

OP2 CMP #1 ; door?
; BNE OP3
; PRINT T64 ; "Lock is very secure"

OP3 CMP #3 ; grate?
; BNE OP4
; PRINT T38 ; "Screwed in place"

OP4 CMP #5 ; airlock?
; BNE OP5
; PRINT T23 ; "Can't do that yet"

OP5 CMP #34 ; open hatch?
; BEQ ALOPEN
; CMP #35 ; open door?
; BEQ ALOPEN
; CMP #37 ; open grate?
; BEQ ALOPEN
; CMP #39 ; open airlock?
; BNE OP6

ALOPEN PRINT T65 ; "Already open!"
;
; OPX
; JMP GOODPARSE

OP6 JMP IMPOSS
;
; SHOOT
; ----
DOSHOOT LDA #21 ; do you have
; JSR OWNIT? ; the pistol?
; BEQ SHT0
; JMP EASIER

SHT0 LDA NCODE
; JSR INROOM?
; BEQ SHT1
; LDA NCODE
; JSR OWNIT?
; BEQ SHT1
; JMP NOTHERE

SHT1 LDA BULLET
; BNE SHT3
; PRINT T32 ; "No bullets"
; JMP GOODPARSE

SHT3 PRINT T45 ; "BANG!"
; LDA #0
; STA BULLET
; LDA NCODE
; CMP #1 ; Locked door?
; BNE SHOOTX
; PRINT T71 ; "Lock destroyed!"
; LDA #35 ; change door status in
; STA CUROBJS ; object matrix
; LDX #1 ; and
; STA NTRANS,X ; in the
; INX ; translation
; STA NTRANS,X ; table
; LDA #3 ; open west wall
; STA CURVECT+3 ; to room #3
; JSR SHOWVIS ; show door change
; JSR SHOWVECTS ; and new vector

SHOOTX JMP GOODPARSE
;
; INSERT
; ----
DOINSERT JSR OWNIT?
; BEQ INS0
; JMP DONTHAVE

INS0 LDA NCODE
; CMP #26 ; card?
; BNE INS1
; PRINT T72 ; "Try examining things"
; JMP GOODPARSE

INS1 CMP #24 ; ID?
; BEQ INS2
; JMP BESPEC

INSX LDA PLACE
; CMP #19 ; room 19?
; BNE INSX
; LDA #39 ; update object
; STA CUROBJS ; matrix
; LDX #6 ; and
; STA NTRANS,X ; translator
; LDA #21 ; open south wall
; STA CURVECT+1 ; to room 21

INEXIT JSR SHOWVIS
; JSR SHOWVECTS
; JMP POKAY
;
; UNSCREW
; ----
DOUNSCREW JSR INROOM?
; BEQ UNS0
; JMP NOTHERE

UNS0 LDA UCODE
; CMP #24 ; nothing you can carry
; BCC UNS1
; BNE UNS1 ; is unscrewable
; JMP WHYBOTH

UNS1 LDA NCODE
; CMP #20 ; bolted unit?
; BNE UNS2
; JMP DOTAKE

UNS2 CMP #3 ; closed grate?
; BEQ UNS3
; JMP IMPOSS

UNS3 LDA #29 ; do you have
; JSR OWNIT? ; the knife?
; BNE UNS4
; LDA #37 ; patch
; STA CUROBJS ; object
; LDX #4 ; and
; STA NTRANS,X ; translator tables
; LDA #17 ; open south wall to
; STA CURVECT+1 ; room 17
; BNE INEXIT

UNS4 LDA #22 ; screwdriver?
; JSR OWNIT?
; BNE UNSX
; PRINT T73 ; "Blade's too tiny"
; JMP GOODPARSE

UNSX JMP EASIER
;
; HOLD
; ----
DOHOLD LDA UCODE
; CMP #38 ; breath?
; BEQ DHLD0
; JMP BESPEC

DHLD0 LDA BREATH
; BNE DHLD1 ; already
; LDA #9 ; holding
; STA BREATH ; it?
; STA BHOLD ; if not, set timer
; STA BHOLD ; to 8 events
; JMP POKAY

DHLD1 JMP ALREADY
;
; UNLOCK
; ----
DOUNLOCK LDA #33 ; key?
; JSR OWNIT?
; BEQ UNL0
; JMP EASIER

UNL0 LDA NCODE
; JSR INROOM?
; BEQ UNL1
; JMP NOTHERE

UNL1 LDA NCODE
; CMP #1 ; locked door?
; BNE UNL2
; PRINT T75 ; "Key doesn't fit"
; JMP GOODPARSE

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UNL2      CMP #6      ; locked switch?
          BEQ UNL3
          JMP IMPOSS

UNL3      LDA #A0     ; unlocked
          STA CUROBJS
          LDX #7
          STA NTRANS,X
          STA SWITCH
          JMP INEXIT

;
; CUT
;
DOCUT     JSR INROOM?
          BEQ DCT0
          JMP NOTHERE

DCT0      LDA NCODE
          CMP #7      ; hummer?
          BEQ DCT1
          JMP IMPOSS

DCT1      LDA #25     ; cutters?
          JSR OWNIT?
          BNE DCT2
          LDA GREEN
          BEQ CUTIT
          JSR NEWSCREEN
          POSITION 9,3
          PRINT T76 ; "A jolt of high voltage"
          JMP KILLS

CUTIT     LDA #41     ; severed
          STA CUROBJS+1
          LDX #8
          STA NTRANS,X
          LDA #2      ; blank scanner
          STA OBJECTS+42
          LDX #3
          STA NTRANS,X
          JMP INEXIT

DCT2      JMP EASIER

;
; POUR
;
DOPOUR    JSR OWNIT?
          BEQ DPR
          JMP DONTHAVE

DPR       LDA NCODE
          CMP #30     ; shampoo?
          BEQ DOSHAM
          JMP IMPOSS

DOSHAM    LDY INVPOS ; remove
          LDA #FF     ; shampoo from
          STA HOLDINGB,Y ; inventory
          PRINT T44 ; "Shampoo all used up"
          LDA #20     ; is bolted unit
          JSR INROOM? ; nearby?
          BNE POURX ; nope
          LDX ROOMPOS ; else change to
          LDA #42     ; free unit
          STA CUROBJS,X
          LDX #22     ; patch
          STA NTRANS,X ; translation
          INX
          STA NTRANS,X ; table

POURX     JSR SHOWVIS
          JSR SHOWINV
          JMP GOODPARSE

;
; LUBRICATE
;
DOLUBE    JSR OWNIT?
          BNE DOL
          JMP WHYBOTH

DOL       LDA #30     ; got the shampoo?
          JSR OWNIT?
          BEQ DOL1

DOL0      JMP EASIER

DOL1      LDA NCODE
          JSR INROOM?
          BEQ DOSHAM
          JMP NOTHERE

;
; WEAR
;
DOWEAR    CMP #28     ; mask?
          BEQ WEAROK
          CMP #32     ; suit?
          BEQ WEAROK
          JMP IMPOSS

WEAROK    JMP DOTAKE

;
; IMPOSS
;
          PRINT T17 ; "That's impossible."
          BNE GOODPARSE

;
; NOTYET
;
          PRINT T23 ; "You can't do that yet."
          BNE GOODPARSE

;
; BESPEC
;
          PRINT T26 ; "Be more specific."
          BNE GOODPARSE

;
; ARMSFULL
;
          PRINT T24 ; "You're carrying too much!"
          BNE BADPARSE

;
; ROOMFULL
;
          PRINT T25 ; "Not enough room here."
          BNE BADPARSE

;
; NOTHERE
;
          PRINT T22 ; "It isn't here."
          BNE BADPARSE

;
; ALREADY
;
          PRINT T21 ; "You already have it."
          BNE BADPARSE

;
; DONTHAVE
;
          PRINT T27 ; "You don't have it."
          BNE BADPARSE

;
; NOHELP
;
          PRINT T32 ; "Doesn't help."
          BNE GOODPARSE

;
; WHYBOTH
;
          PRINT T33 ; "Why bother?"
          BNE GOODPARSE

;
; SEEMSORD
;
          PRINT T34 ; "Seems ordinary."
          BNE GOODPARSE

;
; NOTHAP
;
          PRINT T56 ; "Nothing happens."
          BNE GOODPARSE

;
; EASIER
;
          PRINT T50 ; "Easier said than done"
          BNE GOODPARSE

;
; JSR BEEP
;
          JMP NEXTEVENT

;
; BADPARSE
;
          JSR BOOP
          JMP PARSER

;
; SUBROUTINES
;
; -----
;
; DLI ROUTINE
;
; -----
          PHA          ; save A,
          TXA
          PHA          ; X
          TYA          ; and
          PHA          ; Y registers
          LDX DLICOL   ; fetch color index
          LDA DCOLS,X ; fetch new color
          LDY CURSES,X ; and cursor shape
          STA WSYNC    ; wait for scan
          STA COLPF2   ; change color
          STY GRAFF0   ; and player shape
          INC DLICOL   ; update index
          PLA
          TAY          ; restore Y,
          PLA          ; X
          TAX          ; and
          PLA          ; A registers
          RTI          ; back to mainline

;
; DCOLS
;
          .BYTE $70,$60,$70,$60,$70,$80,$60

CURSES    .BYTE $00,$00,$00,$00,$00

CURSOR    .BYTE $00,$00

;
; PRINT MACRO SUBROUTINE
;
; ENTRY: Addr of EOL-terminated string
;         in A/Y registers (LSB/MSB).
;
EPRINT    LDX #0      ; IOCB #0 (E:)
          STA ICBAADR ; 1sb of string addr
          STY ICBAADR+1 ; msb of string addr
          LDA #009    ; PUT LINE command
          STA ICCOM
          LDA #07F
          STA ICBLLEN ; 1sb max string length
          STX ICBLLEN+1 ; msb (0)
          JMP CIOV

;
; POSITION MACRO ROUTINE
;
; ENTRY: X-pos in X, Y-pos in Y.
;
POSIT13   LDX #13
          POSIT
          STX COLCRS
          STY ROWCRS
          RTS

;
; AUDIO PROMPTS
;
; -----
;
; BEEP
;
          LDA #25     ; high tone
          BNE BTONE

;
; BOOP
;
          LDA #100    ; low tone
          BNE BTONE

BTONE     STA AUDF1
          LDA #5AA    ; dist/vol = 10
          STA AUDC1
          LDA #0
          STA RTCLOK

SOUND     LDA RTCLOK
          CMP #5
          BNE SOUND ; 5 jiffies
          LDX #0
          STX AUDC1 ; silence!
          DEX
          STX CH      ; clear last key
          RTS

;
; ERASE A STATUS LINE
;
; ENTRY: Target line (0-18) in X.
;
ERASE     LDA LADRSL,X ; 1sb of line addr
          STA CLPOINT
          LDA LADRSH,X ; msb of addr
          STA CLPOINT+1
          LDY #24     ; clear 25 characters
          LDA #0

CLLOOP    STA (CLPOINT),Y
          DEY
          BPL CLLOOP
          RTS

;
; INIT SCREEN
;
; -----
;
NEWSCREEN LDA #40
          STA NHLEN
          STA RAMTOP ; set system to 16K

;
; Close IOCB #0 (E:)
;
          LDX #0      ; IOCB #0 (E:)
          STA #00C    ; CLOSE command
          STA ICCOM
          JSR CIOV    ; slam!

;
; Re-open E: with new RAM size
;
          LDX #0      ; E: again
          STX ICAUX2 ; zero this byte
          LDA #3      ; OPEN command
          STA ICCOM
          LDA #<EADR ; point to "E:"
          STA ICBAADR
          LDA #>EADR
          STA ICBAADR+1
          LDA #00C    ; allow read/write
          STA ICAUX1
          JSR CIOV    ; do the OPEN

;
          LDA #0
          STA DMACTL
          STA SDMCTL ; shut off ANTIC
          STA GRAFF0
          STA GRAFF1
          STA GRAFF2
          STA GRAFF3 ; blank out borders

;
          LDX #8      ; all colors black
          COLOFF
          STA PCOLOR0,X
          DEX
          BPL COLOFF
          LDA #14
          STA COLOR1 ; except text
          LDA #574
          STA COLOR0

;
          LDX #1
          STX CRSINH ; disable system cursor
          INX
          STA LMARGN ; fix margin
          LDA #570
          STA POKMSK
          STA IRQEN ; disable BREAK key
          RTS ; and return

```



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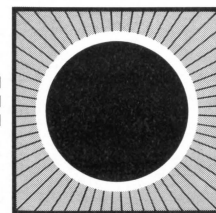
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;
; BLANK BAR
; -----
BAR PRINT T9
RTS
;
; "WHAT" BAR
; -----
SAYWHAT PRINT T10
RTS
;
; KEYBOARD INPUT HANDLER
;
; These routines are based in part on
; Steve Howard's "Alternative Keyboard Handler"
; (ANALOG Computing #15, pp. 96-103).
;
; FETCH A KEYPRESS
; -----
GETKEY LDA CH
      CMP #0FFH ; key pressed?
      BEQ GETKEY ; not yet - keep scanning
;
; Analyze keycode
; -----
ANALYZE TAY ; save key for later
      LDX #0FFH
      STX CH ; reset key
      AND #0C0H ; bit 6 or 7 set?
      BEQ LEGAL? ; nope
;
; Handle a bad keypress
; -----
BADKEY JSR BOOP ; razz user and
      JMP GETKEY ; try again
;
; Look for illegal keys
; -----
LEGAL? TYA ; restore keycode
      LDX #13
;
; KLOOP
; -----
KLOOP CMP ILLEGAL,X
      BEQ BADKEY ; razz if illegal key
      DEX
      BPL KLOOP
;
; Get ATASCII equivalent
; -----
LDA ATASCII,Y
;
; Screen out numbers, pass EOL and BS
; -----
CMP #SPACE ; space bar?
BEQ CLK1 ; that's okay
CMP #EOL ; RETURN?
BEQ CLK1 ; fine by me
CMP #7EH ; backspace?
BEQ CLK1 ; love 'em
CMP #'A
BCC BADKEY
CLD
SEC
SBC #20H ; convert to upper case
;
; Click the speaker
; -----
CLK1 LDY #7F
      STY CLICK
;
; CLK2
; -----
CLK2 LDY CLICK
      STY CONSOL
      LDX #8 ; click freq
;
; DELAY
; -----
DELAY DEX
      BPL DELAY
      DEC CLICK
      BPL CLK2 ; 128 times
;
; RTS ; ATASCII code in A
;
; ILLEGAL KEYS
; -----
ILLEGAL .BYTE #1C ; escape
        .BYTE #2C ; tab
        .BYTE #27 ; atari
        .BYTE #3C ; caps
        .BYTE #36 ; <
        .BYTE #37 ; >
        .BYTE #0F ; =
        .BYTE #20 ;
        .BYTE #02 ;
        .BYTE #22 ; /
        .BYTE #26 ; +
        .BYTE #06 ;
        .BYTE #07 ; *
        .BYTE #0E ; -
;
; ATASCII CONVERSION TABLE
; -----

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; We use our own table because the
; location of the ROM-based table varies
; depending on which computer you have.
;
; ATASCII
; -----
.BYTE #6C,#6A,#3B,#8A,#8B,#6B,#2B,#2A
.BYTE #6F,#80,#70,#7B,#69,#2D,#3D
.BYTE #76,#80,#63,#8C,#8D,#62,#78,#7A
.BYTE #34,#80,#33,#36,#1B,#35,#32,#31
.BYTE #2C,#20,#2E,#6E,#80,#6D,#2F,#81
.BYTE #72,#80,#65,#79,#7F,#74,#77,#71
.BYTE #39,#80,#30,#37,#7E,#38,#3C,#3E
.BYTE #66,#68,#64,#88,#82,#67,#73,#61
;
; INTERNAL CONVERSION TABLE
; -----
INTATA .BYTE #20,#40,#00,#60
;
; Y-OFFSET TABLES
; -----
; These two tables contain the
; starting address of each status line
; (absolute screen line address + 13).
; LADRSL holds the LSBs, LADRSH the MSBs.
;
; LADRSL
; -----
.BYTE <SCREEN+53,<SCREEN+53,<SCREEN+93,<SCREEN+133
.BYTE <SCREEN+173,<SCREEN+213,<SCREEN+253,<SCREEN+293
.BYTE <SCREEN+333,<SCREEN+373,<SCREEN+413,<SCREEN+453
.BYTE <SCREEN+493,<SCREEN+533,<SCREEN+573,<SCREEN+613
.BYTE <SCREEN+653,<SCREEN+693,<SCREEN+733
;
; LADRSH
; -----
.BYTE >SCREEN+53,>SCREEN+53,>SCREEN+93,>SCREEN+133
.BYTE >SCREEN+173,>SCREEN+213,>SCREEN+253,>SCREEN+293
.BYTE >SCREEN+333,>SCREEN+373,>SCREEN+413,>SCREEN+453
.BYTE >SCREEN+493,>SCREEN+533,>SCREEN+573,>SCREEN+613
.BYTE >SCREEN+653,>SCREEN+693,>SCREEN+733
;
; FETCH INPUT LINE
; -----
GETLINE ;
; Clear line input buffer
; -----
CLD
LDX #24
LDA #SPACE
;
; CLINL
; -----
STA INLINE,X
DEX
BPL CLINL
;
; Get first character of line
; -----
GETONE POSITION 13,12
      LDX #0FFH
      STX CURSEN ; turn on PM0 cursor
      STX CH ; clear key
      INX
      STX LENGTH ; zero line length
      JSR GETKEY ; fetch a keycode
      CMP #SPACE ; first char not be
      BEQ BADONE ; a space
      CMP #7EH ; a backspace?
      BEQ BADONE ; or an EOL
      CMP #EOL
      BNE PUT1
;
; Handle bad first character
; -----
BADONE JSR BOOP ; razz user and
      JMP GETONE ; try again
;
; Print 1st char
; -----
PUT1 JSR SETCIO ; to E:
      JSR CIOV
      INC LENGTH
;
; Get rest of input line
; -----
REST JSR GETKEY ; grab another keycode
      CMP #EOL ; if it's an EOL,
      BEQ GOTEOL ; line entry complete
      CMP #7EH ; backspace?
      BNE PUTNEXT ; no - send to screen
;
; Handle a backspace
; -----
BACKS DEC LENGTH ; if 1st char of line
      BMI BADONE ; signal error
      JSR SETCIO ; E:
      JSR CIOV ; let CIO do backspace
      LDA LENGTH ; if length=0,
      BEQ GETONE ; handle as 1st char
      BNE REST ; else continue
;
; Print latest character
; -----
PUTNEXT

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;
; JSR SETCIO
; JSR CIOV ; print character
; INC LENGTH ; next position
; LDA LENGTH
; CMP #24 ; end of line?
; BCC REST ; not yet - get another key
;
; Too many chars in line!
; -----
GETLAST JSR BOOP ; a warning razz
        JSR GETKEY
        CMP #EOL ; must have an EOL
        BEQ GOTEOL
        CMP #7EH ; or a backspace
        BEQ BACKS
        BNE GETLAST ; insist!
;
; EOL recieved
; -----
GOTEOL JSR SETCIO ; specify E:
        STX CURSEN ; shut off cursor
        JSR CIOV ; and send EOL
;
; Convert screen bytes to ATASCII
; and move to INLINE
; -----
LDY #24
TOBUFF CLC
        LDA SCREEN+493,Y ; grab screen byte
        STA SCREEN+453,Y ; move to upper line
        ROL A
        ROL A
        ROL A
        AND #3 ; transform byte, and
        TAX ; use as an index
        LDA SCREEN+453,Y ; restore original value
        AND #0F ; clear bits 5-7
        ORA INTATA,X ; merge with code table
        STA INLINE,Y ; send to buffer
        LDA #0
        STA SCREEN+493,Y ; clear response line
        DEY
        BPL TOBUFF
        RTS
;
; IMMEDIATE VBI ROUTINE
; -----
; Positions and blinks cursor,
; resets DLI color index
; -----
IMMVBI ;
; Reset DLI color index
; -----
LDA #0
STA DLICOL
;
; Okay to update cursor?
; -----
LDA CURSEN ; if enable flag = 0,
BEQ VEXIT ; don't redraw cursor
;
; Calculate cursor X-position:
; XNEW = ( XOLD * 4 ) + 48
; -----
CLD
LDA COLCRS
ASL A
ASL A ; times 4
ADC #48 ; plus 48
STA HPOSP0 ; Use as h-pos
;
; Don't blink cursor if a key
; is being pressed.
; -----
LDA SRTIMR ; 0 = no press
BEQ BLINK?
;
; BLINK?
; -----
LDA #0F0
STA CURSOR
STA CSHAPE ; force cursor on
LDA #60 ; for at least
STA BLINK ; 1 second
;
; DEC BLINK ; next jiffy
; BNE VEXIT ; don't blink until 0
;
; Blink the cursor
; -----
LDY #30
STY BLINK ; reset timer
EOR #0F0 ; flip the cursor shape
STA CSHAPE ; and save it for later
;
; STA CURSOR ; plot the cursor
; JMP SYBVB ; sayonara
;
; DISPLAY EVENT COUNTER
; -----

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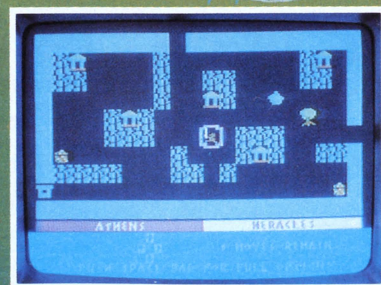


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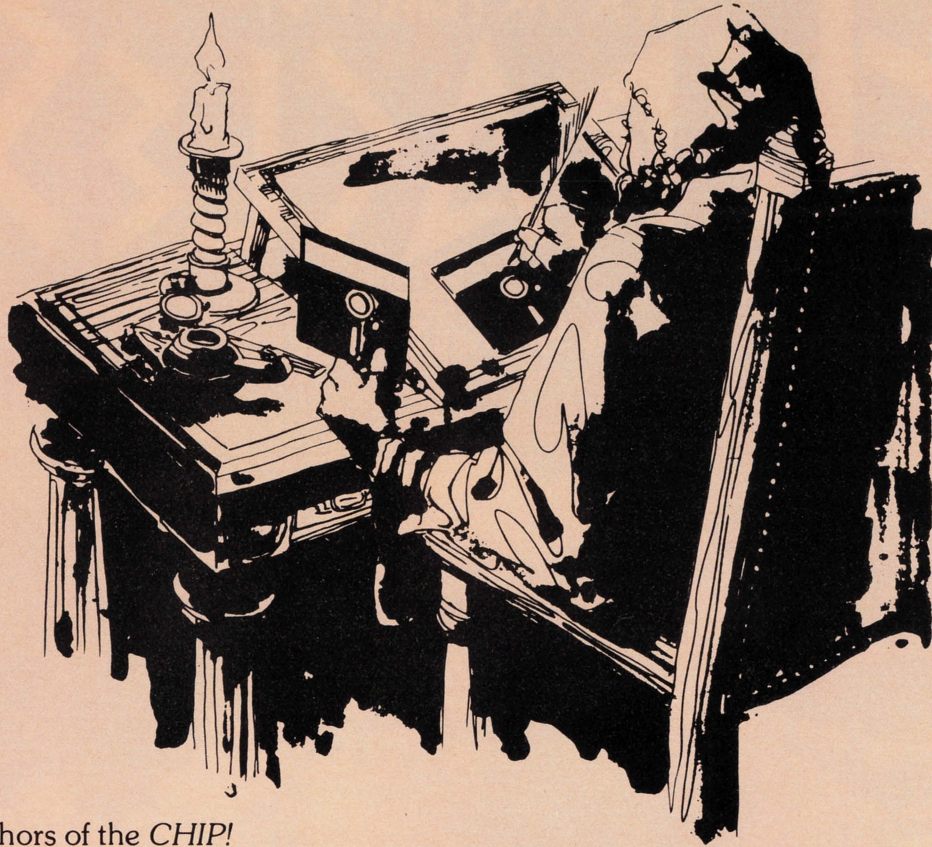


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SHOWEV
; Initialize EBUFF
;
LDA #0
STA EBUFF
STA EBUFF+1
STA EBUFF+2
LDA #EOL
STA EBUFF+4
;
; Convert event # to ATASCII
;
ECON
LDA EVENT
STA FR0
LDA EVENT+1
STA FR0+1
JSR IFP ; convert to floating point
JSR FASC ; then to ATASCII
CLD
;
; Determine length of number
;
FINDE
LDY #FF ; init loop index
INY
LDA (INBUFF),Y ; check characters
BPL FINDE
;
; Change # to inverse video and
; move to EBUFF
;
TOEB
LDX #3 ; move 3 chars maximum
LDA (INBUFF),Y
ORA #80 ; set msb
STA EBUFF,X ; put in EBUFF
DEX
DEY
BPL TOEB
;
; Display contents of EBUFF
;
POSITION 33,0
PRINT EBUFF
RTS
;
; SET CIO TO PUT CHAR MODE
;
SETCIO
LDX #0B
STX ICCOM
LDX #0
STX ICBLN
STX ICBLN+1
RTS
;
; SYNTAX ERROR
;
SYNERR
PRINT T13 ; "Syntax:"
RTS
;
; CLEAR WINDOWS
;
; What Happens window
;
CLWH
LDX #9
JSR ERASE
INX
JSR ERASE
LDY #9
JMP POSIT13
;
; Inventory window
;
CLINV
LDX #13
CLINV1
JSR ERASE
INX
CPX #19
BCC CLINV1
RTS
;
; DISPLAY ROOM VECTORS
;
SHOWVECTS
LDX #2
JSR ERASE
LDY #0
LDX #0
STX ANY?
;
; SVL
;
LDA CURVECT,X
BMI VSKIP
LDA VNAMES,X
STA SCREEN+93,Y
INC ANY?
INY
INY
;
; VSKIP
;
INX
CPX #6
BCC SVL

```

```

LDA ANY?
BNE VECTEX
POSITION 13,2
PRINT T61 ; "None"
;
VECTEX
RTS
;
; Vector initials
;
VNAMES
.SBYTE "NSEMUD"
;
; DISPLAY ROOM OBJECTS
;
SHOWVIS
LDX #3
CLVIS
JSR ERASE
INX
CPX #9
BCC CLVIS
POSITION 13,3
LDX #0
STX ANY?
;
SHV1
STX PDEX
LDA CUROBJS,X
BMI SHV2
INC ANY?
TAX
LDA OBDLS,X
LDY OBDHS,X
JSR EPRINT
;
SHV2
LDX PDEX
INX
CPX #6
BCC SHV1
LDA ANY?
BNE SHEXIT
PRINT T28 ; "Nothing"
;
SHEXIT
RTS
;
; DISPLAY INVENTORY
;
SHOWINV
JSR CLINV
POSITION 13,13
LDX #0
STX ANY?
;
SHI1
STX PDEX
LDA HOLDINGS,X
BMI SHI2
INC ANY?
TAX
LDA OBDLS,X
LDY OBDHS,X
JSR EPRINT
;
SHI2
LDX PDEX
INX
CPX #6
BCC SHI1
LDA ANY?
BNE SIEXIT
PRINT T28 ; "Nothing"
;
SIEXIT
RTS
;
; "OKAY" PROMPT
;
POKAY
JSR CLWH
PRINT T20 ; "Okay"
JMP GOODPARSE
;
; SEARCH INVENTORY
;
INVSPACE?
LDA #FF
OWNIT?
LDX #3
OLOOP
CMP HOLDINGS,X
BEQ FOUND
DEX
BPL OLOOP
TXA
RTS
;
FOUND
STX INVPOS
LDA #0
RTS
;
; SEARCH ROOM
;
ROOMSPACE?
LDA #FF
INROOM?
LDX #3
IRLOOP
CMP CUROBJS,X
BEQ FOUND2
DEX
BPL IRLOOP

```

```

TXA
RTS
;
FOUND2
STX ROOMPOS
LDA #0
RTS
;
; PRINT INTEGER IN FR0
;
VPRINT
JSR IFP
JSR FASC
CLD
LDY #FF
;
VLOOP
INY
LDA (INBUFF),Y
BPL VLOOP
AND #7F
STA (INBUFF),Y
INY
LDA #EOL
STA (INBUFF),Y
LDA INBUFF
LDY INBUFF+1
JMP EPRINT
;
; DEATH
;
KILLS
POSITION 10,5
PRINT T63 ; "kills you instantly!"
;
DEATH
POSITION 24,7
PRINT T66 ; "YOU ARE DEAD"
JMP STARTOP
;
; CLOSE IOCB #1
;
CLOSE1
LDX #10
LDA #12
STA ICCOM,X
JMP CIOV
;
; POINT TO FILENAMES
;
DPOINT
LDA # <FILE
LDY # >FILE
JMP POINT
;
TPOINT
LDA # <CADR
LDY # >CADR
;
POINT
LDX #10
STA ICBADR,X
TYA
STA ICBADR+1,X
RTS
;
; INIT DATABASE
;
INITDATA
;
; Set status flags
;
LDX #19
LDA #0
;
ID0
STA EVENT,X
DEX
BPL ID0
;
; Clear vector/object matrix
;
LDX #0
LDA #FF
ID1
STA OBJECTS,X
STA VECTORS,X
INX
CPX #132
BCC ID1
;
; Clear working arrays
;
LDX #5
ID2
STA HOLDINGS,X
STA CUROBJS,X
STA CURVECT,X
DEX
BPL ID2
LDX #1
STX BULLET ; 1 bullet
STX PLACE ; start in escape tube
LDA #32
STA MLAT
LDA #168
STA MLON
;
; Init translation table
;
LDX #37
ID3

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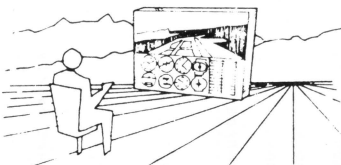
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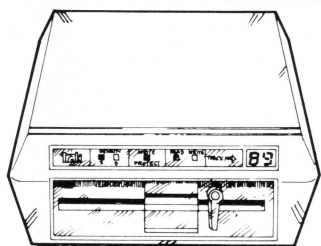


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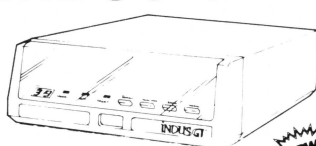
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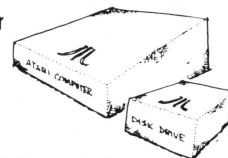


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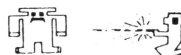
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TEXT " "
TEXT " WHAT "
TEXT " HAPPENS YOUR RESPONSE "
TEXT " YOU ARE CARRYING "
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TEXT "Bad command"
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TEXT "Bad noun"
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TEXT "Your arms are full!"

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TEXT "You don't have it"
TEXT "Nothing"
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TEXT "Refer to it by color"
TEXT "Type I for inventory"
TEXT "Doesn't help"
TEXT "Why bother?"
TEXT "Seems ordinary"
TEXT "You found something!"
TEXT "It's airtight"
TEXT "Enemy approaching!"
TEXT "Screwed in place"
TEXT "Looks dangerous"
TEXT "Needs key to activate"
TEXT "Bolts are tight & rusty"
TEXT "DANGER: Radiation zone!"
TEXT "Brains blown out"
TEXT "Shampoo all used up"
TEXT "BANG!"
TEXT "Accepts security ID card"
TEXT "It glows"
TEXT "See photo in ANALOG #18"
TEXT "Ace of Spades!"
TEXT "Easier said than done"
TEXT "Only 1 bullet"
TEXT "No bullets"
TEXT "X ="
TEXT "Y ="
TEXT "FATHOMS"
TEXT "Nothing happens"
TEXT "Sub levels off"
TEXT "Sub dives"
TEXT "None"
TEXT "A cloud of poisonous gas"
TEXT "kills you instantly!"
TEXT "Lock is very secure"
TEXT "Already open"
TEXT "you are DEAD"
TEXT "Enemy captures the sub and"
TEXT "It falls down the pipe"
TEXT "Lock destroyed!"
TEXT "Try examining things"
TEXT "Screwdriver's too tiny"
TEXT "Key won't fit"
TEXT "A jolt of high voltage"
TEXT "Traitor shoots you and"
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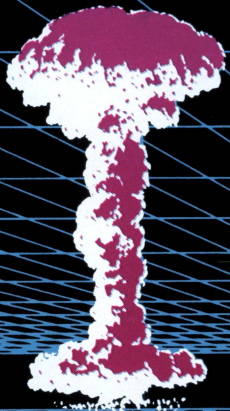
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# BASIC Training



by Tom Hudson

For the next couple of issues, we're going to be looking at some graphics concepts that will be new to many readers. Those BASIC programmers interested in writing their own games should find these routines very helpful.

## What's a vector?

Generally, when computer techno-types are discussing graphics, you'll hear the word "vector" tossed around. Actually, as far as we're concerned, a vector is simply a direction.

Whenever the Atari computer performs a DRAW-TO command, it calculates a vector (or direction) from the last point plotted (point 1) to the point being drawn to (point 2). The vector from point 1 to point 2 can be left, right, up, down or any other direction. Simple enough, right?

Many games, such as **Robotron**, **Missile Command** and even **Star Raiders** use the concept of vectors. In **Missile Command**, enemy missiles are approaching your cities, intending to turn them into smoking ruins. In order to draw the missile tracks on the screen, the computer must calculate a vector from the missile's starting point to the target city.

Many BASIC programmers would like to use vectoring in their games, but don't know how. If you want an electrified robot to chase Blaster Bob (TM) around on the screen, the robot must know which direction Bob is in. The following programs demonstrate several ways to accomplish this.

The first type of vector calculation most programmers discover is what I call X-Y matching. This is the simplest and fastest vector calculation, but as you will see, it has some drawbacks.

Let's say we're writing a game called **Get Bob**, starring our friend, Blaster Bob. Bob's being menaced by the usual electrified robot. Assuming we've chosen the X-Y matching vector schemes, let's see how the robot will act.

Each time the robot gets ready to move, it looks to see what direction Bob is in. This robot is not very sophisticated, and only knows if Bob is above or below, and left or right. The robot can only move in eight directions (the same as an Atari joystick). If Bob is directly above the robot, it will move straight up. If he is directly to the right of the robot, it will move right.

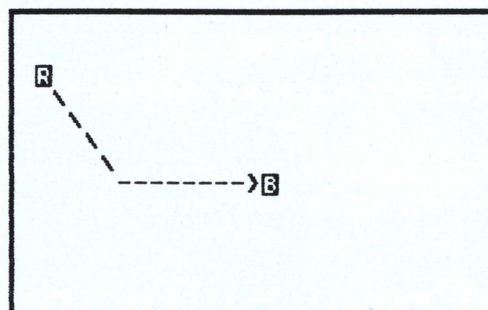


Figure 1.



Problems start when Bob is not at one of the eight directions the robot can move in. As **Figure 1** shows, if Bob is at an odd angle, the robot's path to him is jagged. This is the main drawback to the X-Y matching algorithm.

As I said before, the X-Y matching algorithm is the easiest vector method to program. **Figure 2** shows the basic code necessary to implement this type of vector.

Figure 2.

```
10 REM *** SIMPLE X-Y MATCHING ***
20 REM
30 GRAPHICS 6:COLOR 1
40 ? "ENTER FROM COORDS X,Y";:TRAP 40:
INPUT FX,FY:IF FX<0 OR FX>159 OR FY<0
OR FY>79 THEN ? "N":GOTO 40
50 PLOT FX,FY
60 ? "ENTER TO COORDS X,Y";:TRAP 50:IN
PUT TX,TY:IF TX<0 OR TX>159 OR TY<0 OR
TY>79 THEN ? "N":GOTO 50
70 PLOT TX,TY
80 XV=SGN(TX-FX)
90 YV=SGN(TY-FY)
100 IF NOT XV AND NOT YV THEN 140
110 FX=FX+XV
120 FY=FY+YV
130 PLOT FX,FY:GOTO 80
140 ? "VECTOR COMPLETE":END
```

#### CHECKSUM DATA (See p. 30)

```
10 DATA 498,253,28,496,104,443,136,595
,601,526,821,829,368,953,6651
```

**Line 30** places the computer in graphics mode 6 and selects color 1. The program will graphically illustrate how the vector code works.

**Lines 40-70** accept the X and Y coordinates of the starting and ending points of the line and plot them on the screen. In graphics mode 6, the X coordinate ranges from 0-159 and the Y coordinate from 0-79. If you exceed these values, the console speaker will beep and you must re-enter the coordinates.

**Line 80** finds out if the point being drawn to is to the left or right of the starting point. By using the sign function (SGN), the X vector (XV) will be set to -1 (left), 0 (no movement) or 1 (right).

**Line 90** finds out if the point being drawn to is above or below the starting point. The Y vector (YV) will contain -1 (up), 0 (no movement) or 1 (down).

**Line 100** is the line end test. If both XV and YV are zero, FX and FY have reached the same point as TX and TY, and the line is finished.

**Line 110** adds the X vector (XV) to the X coordinate of the starting point (FX).

**Line 120** adds the Y vector (YV) to the Y coordinate.

**Line 130** plots the new point and loops back to Line 80 to get the next vector.

**Line 140** informs you when the vector drawing is complete.

Try entering different values for the starting and ending points, observing how the line acts with different endpoints. You can see that, although this method may be good for some applications, you certainly wouldn't want to use it for drawing pictures!

#### True vectors (part 1).

Let's say **Get Bob** was a tremendous success, and all the rabid video-gamers out there want to see more of Blaster Bob. Well, you sit down to write **Get Bob II**, but want the robot to be smarter, and head directly toward Bob, no matter which direction he's in. You need a true vector routine.

True vectors are more tricky than our simple X-Y matching. In order for a vector to go in the EXACT direction, we must get more information about the target point. **Figure 3** shows one type of true vector algorithm.

Figure 3.

```
10 REM *** TRUE VECTOR METHOD 1 ***
20 REM
30 GRAPHICS 6:COLOR 1
40 ? "ENTER FROM COORDS X,Y";:TRAP 40:
INPUT FX,FY:IF FX<0 OR FX>159 OR FY<0
OR FY>79 THEN ? "N":GOTO 40
50 PLOT FX,FY
60 ? "ENTER TO COORDS X,Y";:TRAP 50:IN
PUT TX,TY:IF TX<0 OR TX>159 OR TY<0 OR
TY>79 THEN ? "N":GOTO 50
70 PLOT TX,TY
80 XD=SGN(TX-FX)
90 YD=SGN(TY-FY)
100 DELTAX=ABS(TX-FX)
110 DELTAY=ABS(TY-FY)
120 IF DELTAX>1 OR DELTAY>1 THEN DELTA
X=DELTAX/2:DELTAY=DELTAY/2:GOTO 120
130 XV=DELTAX*XD
140 YV=DELTAY*YD
150 IF INT(FX+0.5)=INT(TX) AND INT(FY+
0.5)=INT(TY) THEN 200
160 FX=FX+XV
170 FY=FY+YV
180 PLOT FX,FY
190 GOTO 150
200 ? "VECTOR COMPLETE":END
```

#### CHECKSUM DATA (See p. 30)

```
10 DATA 356,253,28,496,104,443,136,541
,547,173,184,198,568,577,216,4820
160 DATA 836,844,146,725,943,3494
```

With this method, we find the differences in the X and Y coordinates of the two points, called DELTA X and DELTA Y.

Once these are found, we divide both by 2 repeat-

edly until they are BOTH less than or equal to 1. The resulting numbers are the vectors we will add to the starting coordinates in order to get to the ending point.

**Lines 30-70** perform the same function as those in **Figure 2**.

**Lines 80-90** get the general direction of the target point, just as in X-Y matching.

**Lines 100-110** find the DELTA X and DELTA Y values. The absolute value function makes the numbers positive, since distances cannot be negative.

**Line 120** divides both DELTAX and DELTAY by 2 until both are less than or equal to 1. This ensures that the line we draw will never move more than 1 pixel at a time.

**Lines 130-140** calculate the final X and Y vectors (XV and YV) by multiplying the limited DELTA values by the X and Y directions (-1, 0 or 1).

**Line 150** checks to see if the line has reached the endpoint yet. If both X coordinates are equal and both Y coordinates are equal, the line is complete, and the program skips to Line 200.

**Lines 160-170** increment the line coordinates (FX and FY) by the proper vector amounts.

**Line 180** plots the next point in the line on the screen.

**Line 190** loops back to Line 150 for the next plot.

**Line 200** prints the end message and stops the program's execution.

RUN this program several times with different endpoints and observe that the line generated is much better than that generated by X-Y matching. This is not the best line we can obtain, though. The next vector algorithm is the one used by the Atari operating system to draw lines in the graphics modes, and always gives good results.

### True vectors (part 2).

When you tell your computer to draw a line from one part of the screen to another, you set in motion a fairly complex chain of events. The Atari operating system manual describes the algorithm on page 184. This is the vector algorithm used in virtually every computer, and is quite involved. Since a total understanding of this algorithm is not essential in order to use it, I'll describe the major points of interest and let the more advanced programmers take it from there.

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Figure 4.

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10 REM *** TRUE VECTOR METHOD 2 ***
20 REM
30 GRAPHICS 6:COLOR 1
40 ? "ENTER FROM COORDS X,Y";:TRAP 40:
INPUT FX,FY:IF FX<0 OR FX>159 OR FY<0
OR FY>79 THEN ? "Q":GOTO 40
50 PLOT FX,FY
60 ? "ENTER TO COORDS X,Y";:TRAP 50:IN
PUT TX,TY:IF TX<0 OR TX>159 OR TY<0 OR
TY>79 THEN ? "Q":GOTO 50
70 PLOT TX,TY
80 XD=SGN(TX-FX)
90 YD=SGN(TY-FY)
100 DELTAX=ABS(TX-FX)
110 DELTAY=ABS(TY-FY)
120 XACC=0
130 YACC=0
140 COUNT=DELTAX:IF DELTAY>DELTAX THEN
COUNT=DELTAY
150 EPOINT=COUNT
160 IF COUNT=DELTAX THEN YACC=EPOINT/2
:GOTO 180
170 XACC=EPOINT/2
180 IF COUNT=0 THEN 260
190 XACC=XACC+DELTAX
200 IF XACC>EPOINT THEN XACC=XACC-EPO
INT:FX=FX+XD
210 YACC=YACC+DELTAY
220 IF YACC>EPOINT THEN YACC=YACC-EPO
INT:FY=FY+YD
230 PLOT FX,FY
240 COUNT=COUNT-1
250 GOTO 180
260 ? "VECTOR COMPLETE":END

```

## CHECKSUM DATA

(See p. 30)

```

10 DATA 358,253,28,496,104,443,136,541
,547,173,184,646,652,402,653,5616
160 DATA 334,420,959,874,24,860,46,133
,418,724,961,5753

```

Figure 4 is a vector program using the Atari vector algorithm.

Lines 30-70 perform the same function as those in Figure 2.

Lines 80-90 get the X and Y direction values. Note that this function is essential to all types of vector algorithms.

Lines 100-110 find the DELTA values, the differences between the FROM and TO coordinates.

Lines 120-130 reset the X and Y accumulator variables (XACC and YACC) to zero. These variables are used as counters to tell the computer when to increment the X and Y coordinates.

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**Line 140** sets COUNT to the larger of DELTAX and DELTAY. This tells the computer which axis (X or Y) has farthest to go. Count is decremented each time a point is plotted, and when it reaches zero, the line is complete.

**Line 150** sets EPOINT (endpoint) to the value of COUNT. EPOINT is then used as the limit value for XACC and YACC.

**Lines 160-170** set either XACC or YACC to a starting value of EPOINT/2. If the X axis has farthest to go, YACC is set, otherwise, the computer initializes XACC.

**Line 180** is the start of the plot loop. If the COUNT variable is zero, the line has reached the endpoint and the draw is finished.

**Line 190** adds the DELTAX value to the X accumulator.

**Line 200** checks to see if the X accumulator value has exceeded the EPOINT limit. If it has, the EPOINT value is subtracted from the accumulator and the X coordinate is moved in the proper direction (contained in XD).

**Lines 210-220** perform the functions of Lines 190-200, but for the Y coordinate.

**Line 230** plots the new coordinate on the screen.

**Line 240** decrements the COUNT variable. As noted before, when this variable reaches zero, the draw is complete.

**Line 250** loops back to Line 180 for the next iteration of the draw loop.

**Line 260** is simply the end message for the routine.

When this program is executed, you will see that this algorithm produces the best lines of the three vector routines presented here. It is slightly slower than the other methods, but that's the price you pay for the accuracy.

### Follow the leader.

Up until now, poor Blaster Bob hasn't had much of a chance against the evil electrified robot — he can't move! In order to present a more fair challenge, we should at least let him move around, right?

This problem presents a slightly different challenge to our vector routines. They must calculate a new vector to the target point for each movement! You've probably guessed that this will usually be slower than drawing lines to stationary targets, and you're right.

**Figures 5, 6 and 7** show "follower" routines using each of the vector methods discussed. Each program allows you to move the target around on the screen with a joystick plugged into port 1. The program then tries to hit the target. To speed the routines up, there is no coordinate limiting, so be careful not to run the target off the screen. Let's look at the advantages and disadvantages of each.



Figure 5.

```

10 REM *** FOLLOWER (X-Y MATCHING) ***
20 REM
30 GRAPHICS 6:COLOR 1
40 DIM X5(15),Y5(15):FOR I=1 TO 15:REA
D X,Y:X5(I)=X:Y5(I)=Y:NEXT I
50 DATA 0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,1,1,-1,1,0,0
,0,-1,1,-1,-1,-1,0,0,0,0,1,0,-1,0,0
60 FX=0:FY=0
70 TX=80:TY=40
80 STIK=STICK(0)
90 TX=TX+X5(STIK)
100 TY=TY+Y5(STIK)
110 PLOT TX,TY
120 XV=SGN(TX-FX)
130 YV=SGN(TY-FY)
140 IF NOT XV AND NOT YV THEN 190
150 FX=FX+XV
160 FY=FY+YV
170 PLOT FX,FY
180 GOTO 80
190 ? "GOTCHA!":END

```

CHECKSUM DATA  
(See p. 30)

```

10 DATA 691,253,28,350,327,808,992,514
,642,729,181,347,357,548,833,7608
160 DATA 841,143,518,454,1956

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Figure 6.

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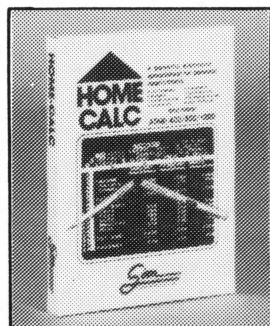
10 REM *** FOLLOWER (VECTOR 1) ***
20 REM
30 GRAPHICS 6:COLOR 1
40 DIM X5(15),Y5(15):FOR I=1 TO 15:REA
D X,Y:X5(I)=X:Y5(I)=Y:NEXT I
50 DATA 0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,1,1,-1,1,0,0
,0,-1,1,-1,-1,-1,0,0,0,0,1,0,-1,0,0
60 FX=0:FY=0
70 TX=80:TY=40
80 STIK=STICK(0)
90 TX=TX+X5(STIK)
100 TY=TY+Y5(STIK)
110 PLOT TX,TY
120 XD=SGN(TX-FX)
130 YD=SGN(TY-FY)
140 DELTAX=ABS(TX-FX)
150 DELTAY=ABS(TY-FY)
160 IF DELTAX>1 OR DELTAY>1 THEN DELTA
X=DELTAX/2:DELTAY=DELTAY/2:GOTO 160
170 XV=DELTAX*XD
180 YV=DELTAY*YD
190 IF INT(FX)=INT(TX) AND INT(FY)=INT
(TY) THEN 240
200 FX=FX+XV
210 FY=FY+YV
220 PLOT FX,FY
230 GOTO 80
240 ? "GOTCHA!":END

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(See p. 30)

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10 DATA 420,253,28,350,327,808,992,514
,642,729,181,329,339,185,196,6293
160 DATA 214,580,589,779,820,828,130,5
05,441,4886
```

Figure 7.

```
10 REM *** FOLLOWER (VECTOR 2) ***
20 REM
30 GRAPHICS 6:COLOR 1
40 DIM X5(15),Y5(15):FOR I=1 TO 15:REA
D X,Y:X5(I)=X:Y5(I)=Y:NEXT I
50 DATA 0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,1,1,-1,1,0,0
,0,-1,1,-1,-1,0,0,0,0,1,0,-1,0,0
60 FX=0:FY=0
70 TX=80:TY=40
80 STIK=STICK(0)
90 TX=TX+X5(STIK)
100 TY=TY+Y5(STIK)
110 PLOT TX,TY
120 XD=SGN(TX-FX)
130 YD=SGN(TY-FY)
140 DELTAX=ABS(TX-FX)
150 DELTAY=ABS(TY-FY)
160 XACC=0
170 YACC=0
180 COUNT=DELTAX:IF DELTAY>DELTAX THEN
COUNT=DELTAY
190 EPOINT=COUNT
200 IF COUNT=DELTAX THEN YACC=EPOINT/2
:GOTO 220
210 XACC=EPOINT/2
220 IF COUNT=0 THEN 310
230 XACC=XACC+DELTAX
240 IF XACC>EPOINT THEN XACC=XACC-EPO
INT:FX=FX+XD
250 YACC=YACC+DELTAY
260 IF YACC>EPOINT THEN YACC=YACC-EPO
INT:FY=FY+YD
270 PLOT FX,FY
280 COUNT=COUNT-1
290 IF STICK(0)=15 THEN 220
300 GOTO 80
310 ? "GOTCHA!":END
```

## CHECKSUM DATA

(See p. 30)

```
10 DATA 423,253,28,350,327,808,992,514
,642,729,181,329,339,185,196,6296
160 DATA 658,664,414,665,307,404,934,8
58,36,872,58,145,430,478,498,7421
310 DATA 434,434
```

Figure 5 is the X-Y matching version of the follower. It is the fastest of the three followers, but like its simple vector version, produces very poor lines. There's not much that can be done to improve this algorithm. If it's speed you want, and you don't mind the erratic behavior, this routine is fine.

Figure 6 uses the first vector method to follow the target. In my opinion, this routine produces the best results as far as the follower's path is concerned. When you run the program, you will see that the following point always moves smoothly, with nice curves. This algorithm looks "smartest" in programs.

The major drawback with this routine is speed. The farther away the target is, the slower the calculations. As the follower gets closer to the target, however, the routine speeds up considerably.

Figure 7 uses the system vector routines for the follower. This is a very interesting situation. Due to the iterative nature of this vector algorithm, the follower becomes confused when the target moves. When the target stops, the follower can "lock in" on a straight course toward the target. Line 290 checks the stick to see if the target is in motion. If it is, the program must recalculate the vector (GOTO 80).

### Using vectors.

You can use these vector and follower routines in your own games. The primary vector calculation routines will work in any graphics mode. All you have to do is give them the "FROM" and "TO" coordinates.

The routines shown here leave the follower's path on the screen so that you can see how each algorithm works. They can be easily modified to only show a single pixel (or redefined character).

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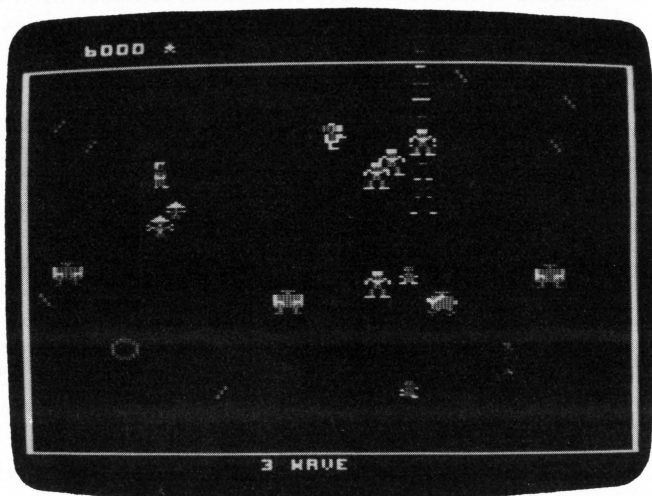
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by Kyle Peacock

The year is 2084. Man's technological achievements in the field of robotics have produced a new form of mechanized menace: the Robotron. This new series is so advanced, man is inferior to his own creation. Guided by their infallible logic, the Robotrons have concluded that man is inefficient and must be destroyed.



**Robotron.**

If the above scenario sounds like the story line to a 2001 sequel, guess again. **Robotron: 2084** has arrived on the Atari home computer.

The Robotrons have all but eliminated mankind. Other than yourself, only one human family remains. Due to a genetic engineering error (a fancy name for "birth defect"), you possess superhuman powers. You have the capability to skrag the Robotrons and save the last human family.

Robotron is an extremely fast paced shoot-em-up. Your little poindexter character runs around the screen, dodging enemies and vaporizing anything that moves. The Robotrons have an instinct for their survival and your demise. Contact with any of the various species causes you to lose a life. Fortunately, you receive five lives initially and an extra life every 20,000 points.

One good aspect of **Robotron** is the different types of attackers. Ground Roving Unit Network Terminator (GRUNT) Robotrons are the most abundant. They are designed to eliminate you on contact. Hulk Robotrons march around in pursuit of

the last human family. They replace Mommy, Daddy and Mikey with a set of skull and crossbones. Giant Brain Robotrons also prey on the family members. They can reprogram people into deadly Progs. A Prog is a sort of synthetic Robotron, just as lethal as its mechanical counterpart. Other menaces include Enforcer Embryos which release Enforcers, Cubic Quarks which continually bounce off walls, and Torture Tanks which move around on rotating threads.

One feature of **Robotron** that brings it closer to its arcade counterpart is the option for two joysticks. In this mode, one joystick controls the direction of travel, the other direction of fire. Atari designed the game packaging to accomodate this feature. If you don't have two joysticks, though, you can still play Robotron, so don't let this deter you.

Overall, **Robotron: 2084** isn't a bad game. I was hoping Atari would design a little better playability into the home computer version. I rarely played this game in the arcades. It was always in a class with **Defender** and **Stargate** as either having too many buttons, or too much "stuff" going on at once. Atari's **Robotron** rivals the arcade version in too many respects. It's just as tough and unplayable as the real thing. □





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Hurray! Another 16K adventure for my memory-poor Atari 600XL. Another chance to spend a week-end challenging my grey cells while my wife repeatedly informs me that "Dinner is ready! — Getting cold!" and finally "Get your own supper!"

The setting of **Saigon: The Final Days** is the jungle and city environs of Saigon just prior to the American evacuation. The player is a prisoner of war who, with a little luck, will make his way out of the jungle, through the city and into the American compound in time to be evacuated. In other words, **Saigon** is a Green Beret primer.

My early encounters with a water snake, machine gun nest and boobytraps were fatal. I found myself back at the start — each time a little more frustrated. I was tired of being bitten by that snake! Then I discovered the first several flaws in the game. No matter how hard I looked, listened, touched or smelled for the snake, I could never find it, and that makes for poor playability. If there's a danger present the player should be warned or at least be allowed to search carefully for danger. Even the command LOOK AT WATER SNAKE produced no results, aside from another snakebite.

Now let's do some more nitpicking. The nicely-packaged game documentation claims the machine-language parser which controls commands is very versatile and has a huge vocabulary. Wrong! **Saigon** plays best when you keep commands to two words, like GET BINOCULARS or MOVE CORPSE. Even then, there are serious limitations. At one point in the game, a command to MOVE RADIO will detonate a boobytrap. But MOVE CLOUD has the same effect. In fact, attempting to move *anything* detonates the boobytrap. Even MOVE ATARI sends you to your doom!

Another obvious flaw lies in the inaccuracies which abound. For example, there are Russian grenades which can't be armed without pulling the pin with a pair of pliers (pliers are hardly standard issue for any battle-ready soldier; and most Russian grenades are armed by twisting the base, not pulling a pin). And there are spelling errors! In the case of the word helicopter (spelled "helecopter" in **Saigon**), the player must also misspell it or the command isn't understood!



**Saigon** is also not very imaginative. Most of the obstacles are physical ones: crossing jungle streams, opening locked doors, crawling through tunnels, getting tanks to start. There's very little to stimulate your thinking cap. The inclusion of a hint sheet coded by number is the game's greatest intellectual challenge.

The key to any good adventure is the ability to search and uncover clues and useful objects. An adventure without this feature is simply a journey into frustration. **Saigon** doesn't give you enough information to make intelligent decisions. In fact, some of the most important clues and tools are held deliberately out of reach until you die. In short, **Saigon** suffers from the *killer syndrome*. What exactly does the killer syndrome mean? It's best explained by example.

At one point in the game, the player survives a helicopter crash but finds himself paralyzed. Within the crashed helicopter are crucial clues and tools you need to advance in the adventure. But the game doesn't allow you to find these things until you are killed at the next obstacle! After your resurrection and return to the site of the crash, you're suddenly able to discover the clues you need. No command of any kind will let you access this vital information the first time through. Backtracking past this sequence doesn't work either. **Saigon** requires your death to reveal information vital to your survival. That's the killer syndrome, and it's an exercise in frustration!

Well, after all this, is **Saigon** worth your money? If you're one of the many users whose Atari has only 16K (as all 600XL owners are now, but hopefully not for long), there are very few text adventures available. Even with its flaws, I recommend you buy the game. Just have a good supply of patience on hand. However, if your Atari belongs to the smart set of 48K and up, then I can't recommend **Saigon**. Invest a little more money and buy an Infocom adventure, or even one of the original Scott Adams titles. You'll enjoy your investment rather than railing at your monitor. □



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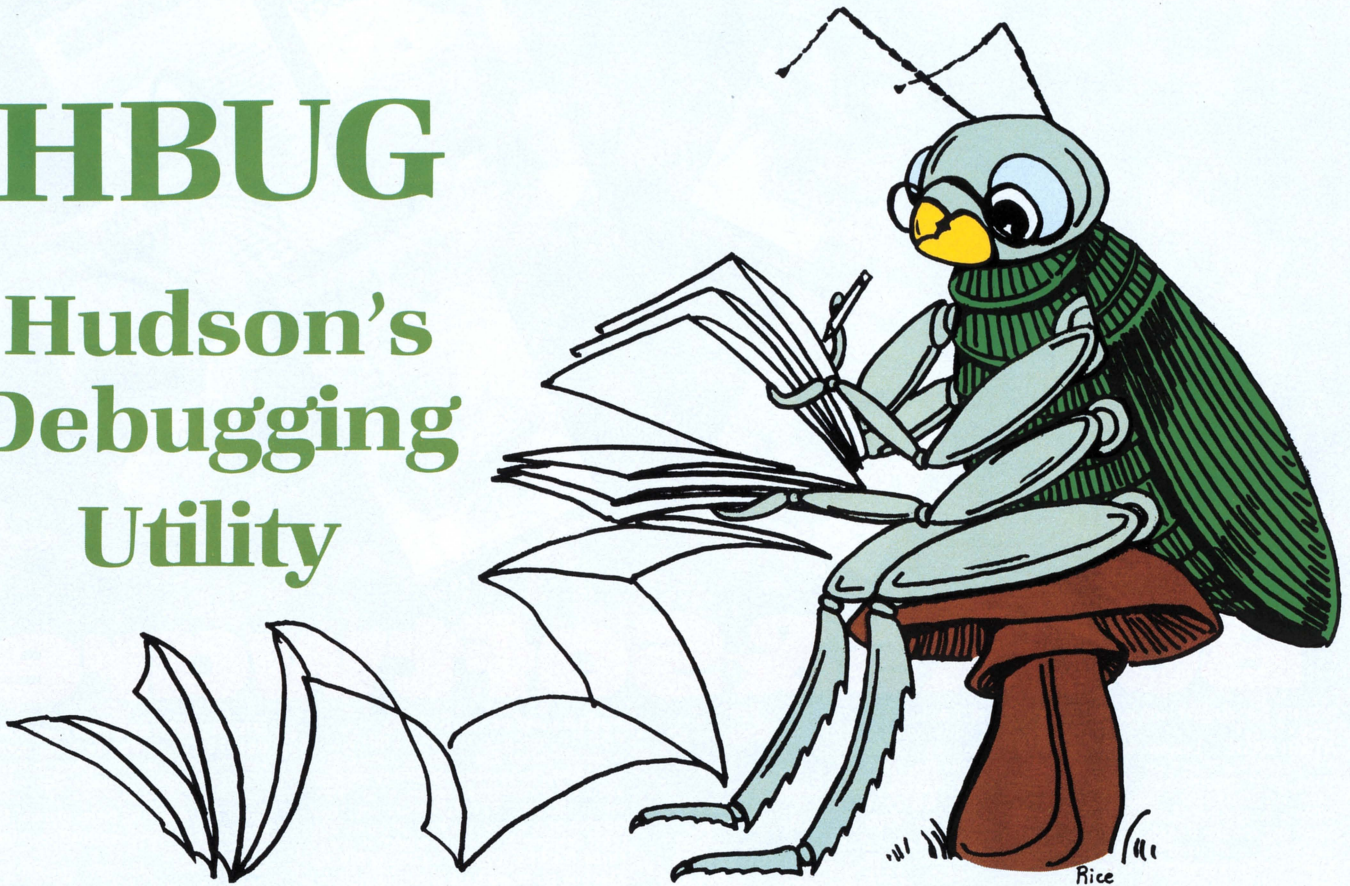
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by Tom Hudson

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### Why HBUG?

Why write another debug package? I'm sure quite a few readers own the **MAC/65** assembler from Optimized Systems Software. This is a fine package (I use it myself, and recommend it highly). As you may know, **MAC/65** comes with its own debug package, **BUG/65**. **BUG/65** is a very powerful debugging tool, but it has a couple of shortcomings.

First, the only way to stop a program that is running in an infinite loop is to press **SYSTEM RESET**. As a result, there is no way to determine register contents or where the program was looping.

Second, many of **Boot Camp's** illustrative programs rely on the use of the **BRK** instruction to stop execution at selected locations. **BUG/65** doesn't recognize the **BRK** instruction, and any attempt to perform a **BRK** locks up the system. **BUG/65** allows you to set breakpoints, but these are generally cumbersome to use.

**HBUG** overcomes these shortcomings, making life easier for those new to assembly language.

### Typing it in.

Before you start typing anything in, take a look at the listings accompanying this article.

**Listing 1** is the main data and data checking routine, written in Atari BASIC. This program will create a file on your disk called **HBUG.COM**.

**Listing 2** is the assembly source code for **HBUG**, written with OSS's **MAC/65**. You don't have to type this in to use **HBUG**, but the adventuresome types out there (you know who you are) may like the assembly typing experience.

Follow the instructions below to create the **HBUG.COM** file.

1. Type **Listing 1** into your Atari and verify your typing with **D:CHECK2** (see page 30).

2. Type **RUN** and press **RETURN**. The program will begin checking the data lines, printing the line numbers as it goes. You will be alerted if the program finds any problems. Fix any incorrect lines and re-RUN the program as necessary until all errors are eliminated.

3. When all **DATA** lines are correct, you will be



prompted to INSERT DISK, PRESS RETURN. Place a disk in drive #1 and press RETURN. The message WRITING FILE will appear, and the computer will create the HBUG.COM file, printing each line number as it goes. When the READY prompt appears, you're ready to use **HBUG**. Make sure the BASIC program has been saved under a different filename before continuing.

Usually, you'll want to load the object code of the program to be executed before loading **HBUG**. If the program is already in memory, simply skip ahead to the **HBUG** loading instructions.

If you want to load the object code in Atari DOS, go to the DOS menu screen and type:

```
L RETURN
Filename.OBJ RETURN
```

If you're using OS/A+, type:

```
LOA Filename.OBJ RETURN
```

To load **HBUG** with Atari DOS, go to the DOS menu screen and type:

```
L RETURN
HBUG.COM RETURN
```

**HBUG** will load and run automatically.

To load **HBUG** with OS/A+, go to the OS/A+ input screen and type:

```
HBUG RETURN
```

**HBUG** will load and run automatically.

### Up and running.

When running, **HBUG** supports 6 commands, which are a subset of the Atari assembler editor **DEBUG** program's commands. These commands are:

```
DOS      (RETURN TO DOS)
DR        (DISPLAY REGISTER CONTENTS)
CR<      (CHANGE REGISTER CONTENTS)
D         (DISPLAY MEMORY CONTENTS)
C         (CHANGE MEMORY CONTENTS)
G         (EXECUTE AT ADDRESS)
```

These commands are the most important ones, as far as we're concerned. I would have liked to include the "disassemble memory" command, but it would have increased the size of the program considerably. The use of these commands is described below.

If any invalid commands are entered, **HBUG** will "beep" at you and show the line you entered with the invalid character highlighted in inverse video.

### DOS.

This command is simple — it transfers control to the disk operating system. Once there, you can perform any function allowed by DOS. If you're using OS/A+, typing RUN restarts **HBUG**. If you're using Atari DOS, you'll have to reload **HBUG** to start it up again.

### Change registers.

You can set the registers (A, X, Y, Processor status [P], and Stack pointer [S]) to any values you like before executing a test program. Be careful about changing the P and S registers, since invalid values placed here can cause a system crash.

The format of the Change Registers command is:

```
CR< Ra, Rx, Ry, Rp, Rs
```

```
Where Ra = Accumulator
      Rx = X register
      Ry = Y register
      Rp = Processor status register
      Rs = Stack pointer
```

The values entered for the registers must be hexadecimal, from 0 through FF.

Figure 1 shows several forms of the CR command and their effect on the registers.

**CR<1F,6E** Changes the Accumulator to \$1F and the X register to \$6E.

**CR<,,,4C** Changes the P register to \$4C. All other registers are unchanged.

Figure 1.

You can see that by inserting commas, you can leave certain registers unchanged while altering others.

### Display registers.

This command is the companion of the CR command. Its format is:

```
DR
```

Whenever you want to see what the current settings of the user registers, simply type DR and press return. The computer will display something like this:

```
A=03 X=32 Y=01 P=33 S=E2
```

### Display memory.

**HBUG** allows you to display the contents of any memory byte or group of bytes. The formats of this command are:

```
FORMAT 1: Dxxxx
```

```
FORMAT 2: D
```

```
FORMAT 3: Dxxxx,yyyy
```

Format 1 displays eight bytes of memory starting at address xxxx.

Format 2 displays the eight bytes of memory starting at the last specified address plus 8.

Format 3 displays the memory block from address xxxx to yyyy. The display can be paused by pressing CTRL-1 and stopped by pressing the BREAK key.

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This command differs from the cartridge command in that the ATASCII characters corresponding to the displayed bytes are shown to the right of the hex values.

### Change memory.

You can change any memory byte in system RAM with the Change Memory command. Its format is:

**Cxxxx< byte1, byte2, ... , byte n**

This command changes the memory starting at address xxxx to the hex values following the "<" symbol. Like the CR command, the C command allows you to skip memory locations by using commas to indicate skipped bytes. **Figure 2** shows several examples of the Change memory command.

**C 5000<1F,45,DE** Change location \$5000 to \$1F, \$5001 to \$45, and \$5002 to \$DE.

**C 600<20,,,F6** Change location \$0600 to \$20 and location \$0604 to \$F6. Leave all other locations as is.

**Figure 2.**

Use care when changing memory bytes! Be sure you're using the address you want, because careless changes could wipe out vital system data, causing a fatal lockup. Also, take care not to change any locations from \$2000-26FF, since this is where **HBUG** is located.

### Execute user program.

This command is what **HBUG** is all about. It allows you to execute assembly code you have placed in memory. Its format is:

**Gxxxx**

When the G command is entered, the computer (1) changes the 6502 registers to the values contained in the user registers (see CR and DR), and (2) jumps to the address specified by xxxx.

The user program will continue to execute until it is stopped by the BREAK key or tries to execute a 6502 BRK instruction. If either of these events occurs, the program will be interrupted, **HBUG** will place the 6502 register contents in the user registers and **HBUG** will take control. The location where the program was executing and the user registers will be displayed in the following format:

**40F5 A=1B X=6F Y=2D P=04 S=EA**

**HBUG** will perform as advertised unless the user program violates the **HBUG** rules, outlined below.

### HBUG no-nos.

1. The user program should not change any memory locations from \$2000-26FF. This is where **HBUG** is located, and any changes to this memory could send **HBUG**, your pro-

gram, and the system off to never-never land.

2. The user program should not use the deferred vertical blank vector or shut off vertical blank interrupts. **HBUG** uses deferred vertical blank to detect the BREAK key during user program execution. Don't steal this vector unless you want to see **HBUG** crippled. If you must use vertical blank interrupts, try using the immediate vertical blank.

3. Don't touch the VBREAK vector (\$0206-0207). These locations are used to detect the execution of a 6502 BRK instruction, and alteration of these bytes will once again cripple **HBUG**.

If you follow these instructions and avoid careless alteration of **HBUG**'s memory, **HBUG** should help you debug the programs that **BUG/65** couldn't. □

### BASIC Listing.

```
10 REM *** HBUG ***
20 DATA 0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,0,0,0,0,0,
0,0,10,11,12,13,14,15
30 DIM DAT$(91),HEX(22):FOR X=0 TO 22:
READ N:HEX(X)=N:NEXT X:LINE=990:RESTOR
E 1000:TRAP 110:?"CHECKING DATA"
40 LINE=LINE+10:?"LINE:";LINE:READ DA
T$:IF LEN(DAT$)<>90 THEN 160
50 DATLIN=PEEK(183)+PEEK(184)*256:IF D
ATLIN<>LINE THEN ? "LINE ";LINE;" MISS
ING!":END
60 FOR X=1 TO 89 STEP 2:D1=ASC(DAT$(X,
X))-48:D2=ASC(DAT$(X+1,X+1))-48:BYTE=H
EX(D1)*16+HEX(D2)
70 IF PA55=2 THEN PUT #1,BYTE:NEXT X:R
EAD CHKSUM:GOTO 40
80 TOTAL=TOTAL+BYTE:IF TOTAL>999 THEN
TOTAL=TOTAL-1000
90 NEXT X:READ CHKSUM:IF TOTAL=CHKSUM
THEN 40
100 GOTO 160
110 IF PEEK(195)<>6 THEN 160
120 IF PA55=2 THEN PUT #1,224:PUT #1,2
:PUT #1,225:PUT #1,2:PUT #1,0:PUT #1,3
2:CLOSE #1:END
130 ? "INSERT DISK, PRESS RETURN":DIM
IN$(1):INPUT IN$:OPEN #1,8,0,"D:HBUG.
COM"
140 PUT #1,255:PUT #1,255:PUT #1,0:PUT
#1,32:PUT #1,159:PUT #1,37
150 ? :?"WRITING FILE":PA55=2:LINE=99
0:RESTORE 1000:TRAP 110:GOTO 40
160 ? "BAD DATA: LINE ";LINE:END
1000 DATA A9008D0ED48D8325BA8E7925AD06
028D1326AD07028D1426A9248D0702A9478D06
02A224A07DA907205CE4A940,79
1010 DATA 8D0ED420B82320132420EF23A200
A9878D4403A9258D4503A9058D4203A97F8D48
038E49032056E430E2A2008D,272
1020 DATA 8725C99BF003E810F6E000F0CC8E
8225A2008D8725C920D0148AA8B98825998725
C8CC8225D0F4CE82254C6C20,99
1030 DATA E8EC8225D00FAD8225D00034C3320
A9008D7E25AC7E25B9D4248D7F25BED324A000
B98725D0C824D018C8E8EC7F,862
1040 DATA 25D0F1AD7E250AA8DDA248D8025
8D0B248D81256C8025EE7E25AD7E25C907D0C5
20F6234C3320B98725C99BF0,412
1050 DATA 034CD520A2E4A062A907205CE4AD
13268D0602AD14268D07026C0A00086829EF48
2820B823AD7A25203024AD7D,291
1060 DATA 258D0025AD7C258DFF24AD7B2520
3024AD7D258DFF24AD7C258DFF242051212013
24A2FDA0242017244C3320B9,530
1070 DATA 8725C99BF0034CD520205121A205
A0252017244C3320A000B97525203024BE6025
AD7C259D0525AD7D259D0625,388
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1080 DATA C8C005D0E660A2048D75259D0726
CA10F7A200A9008D0D268D0C26B98725C99BF0
0AC92CF00620BD214C8321AD,330
1090 DATA 0C26F006AD0D269D0726B98725C9
9BD00EA2048D07269D7525CA10F74C3320E8C8
E005D0C14CD5208E8525A20F,194
1100 DATA D06525F006CA10F84CEF210E0D26
0E0D260E0D260E0D268A0D0D268D0D26EE0C26
AD0C26C903B005AE8525C860,803
1110 DATA 68684CD520B98725C99BD01DA5D4
18690885D4A5D5690085D5A9008D1126A9078D
10264C50224CD520206123AE,555
1120 DATA 1226F0F5AE0E2686D4AE0F2686D5
C99BF0DAC92CD0E3C8206123AE1226F0DAC99B
D0D6AD0E2638E5D48D1026AD,656
1130 DATA 0F26E5D58D1126A920A22C9D3225
CA10FAA91BA20E9D4F25CACA10F9A5D4203024
AD7D258D3525AD7C258D3425,403
1140 DATA A5D5203024AD7D258D3325AD7C25
8D3225A000B1D4C99BF006BE2A25D4F252030
24BE2225AD7D259D3825AD7C,975
1150 DATA 259D3725C8AD102638E9018D1026
AD1126E9008D11261006200C244C3320C008D0
C4200C2410034C3320A5D418,354
1160 DATA 690885D4A5D5690085D54C5022B9
8725C93CF016206123AE1226F04BC93CD047AE
0E2686D4AE0F2686D5C8A200,468
1170 DATA A9008D0D268D0C26B98725C99BF0
0AC92CF00620BD214C0523AD0C26F00D8C8625
8AA8AD0D2691D4AC8625B987,181
1180 DATA 25C99BD0034C3320E8C84CFD224C
D520206123C99BD01DAD1226F018AE79259AAD
782548AE7625AC7725AD7525,182
1190 DATA EE8325286C0E264CD520A9008D0E
268D0F268D1226B98725C99BF008C92CF004C9
3CD00160A20FDD6525F008CA,864
1200 DATA 10F868684CD5200E0E262E0F260E
0E262E0F260E0E262E0F260E0E262E0F268A0D
0E268D0E26EE1226AD1226C9,437
1210 DATA 05B0D2C84C6C23D820D923A200A9
E68D4403A9248D4503A9038D4203A90C8D4A03
8E48032056E460A2078E8425,861
1220 DATA A90C9D42032056E4CE8425AE8425
10F060A2EAA0244C1724A98019872598725A2
EFA024201724A287A0254C17,511
1230 DATA 24A232A0254C1724A2E9A0248E44
038C4503A200A908D4203A97F8D48038E4903
2056E46048290FAABD65258D,595
1240 DATA 7D25684A4A4A4A0ABD65258D7C25
60AD8325D0026840D8A9008D8325E76258C77
25688D7525688D7825683E9,252
1250 DATA 028D7A2568E9008D7B258E8525BA
8E7925AE8525584CFD20AD8325F043A511D03F
A9008511A9008D8325BABB01,185
1260 DATA 018D77258D02018D76258D03018D
75258D04018D78258D05018D7A258D06018D7B
258A1869068D7925A9209D06,879
1270 DATA 01A9FD9005014C62E4444F534452
43523C44434700030508090A08D0203A216E21
F421D0223A23453A9B9B4842,393
1280 DATA 55479BF0494E505554204552524F
52219B202020202020202020202020413D2020
20583D202020593D20202050,148
1290 DATA 3D202020533D20209B000306090C
0F12150103050709080D0F20202020202020
2020202020202020202020,456
1300 DATA 2020202020202020202020202020
20202020202020202020209B060B10151A3031
323334353637383941424344,282
1310 DATA 4546000000000000000000000000
000000000000000000000000000000000000
000000000000000000000000,421

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### CHECKSUM DATA (See p. 30)

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10 DATA 445,957,808,431,727,198,599,55
3,272,701,611,112,74,561,36,7085
160 DATA 165,899,670,50,200,953,769,78
8,545,908,10,936,728,156,4,7781
1140 DATA 914,480,888,896,938,985,945,
703,671,650,801,931,906,613,145,11466
1290 DATA 871,748,340,1959

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### Assembly Listing.

```

;-----
;OFT NO LIST
;-----
;HUDSON'S DEBUG PROGRAM (HBUG)
;-----
;
DOSVEC = 00A ;DOS run address
BRKKEY = 011 ;BREAK key status
STACK = 0100 ;hardware stack
VBREAK = 0206 ;BRK inst vector
RUNAD = 02E0 ;prog run addr
ICCOM = 0342 ;C10 command
ICBADR = 0344 ;C10 buffer address
ICBLEN = 0348 ;C10 buffer length
ICAX1 = 034A ;C10 aux. byte 1
ICAX2 = 034B ;C10 aux. byte 2
NMIEI = 040E ;interrupt enable
C10V = 0456 ;C10 entry point
SETVBV = 045C ;VBLANK setup
XITVBV = 0462 ;VBLANK exit
;
;Page zero usage
;
CML = 0D4 ;my two-byte
CMH = 0D5 ;address work area
;
;-----
;Program entry point
;-----
HBUG
LDA 0000 ;turn off...
STA NMIEI ;interrupts
STA EXEC ;and execute flag
TSX ;get stack pointer
STX USERS ;put in user area
LDA VBREAK ;save old BRK
STA BRKSVL ;vector in my
LDA VBREAK+1 ;work area
STA BRKSVH ;for later
LDA >BRKHAN ;now point to
LDA VBREAK+1 ;my BRK inst.
LDA <BRKHAN ;routine
STA VBREAK
LDX >VBI ;set up
LDY <VBI ;vertical
LDA 07 ;blank
JSR SETVBV ;interrupt
LDA 040 ;turn on the
STA NMIEI ;VBLANK interrupt
JSR NEWSCR ;open BR.0 screen
JSR PRCTR ;carriage return
JSR PROMPT ;print HBUG prompt
LDX 00
INPT2
LDA <MYBUFF ;point to
STA ICBADR ;my input
LDA >MYBUFF ;buffer
STA ICBADR+1
LDA 05 ;GET RECORD command
STA ICCOM
LDA 07F ;my buffer's
STA ICBLEN ;length
STX ICBLEN+1
JSR C10V ;get input!
BMI INPT2 ;go back if error
;
;This section 'squishes' all the
;spaces out of the input line.
;
LDX 00 ;first find end
LDA MYBUFF,X ;of line
CMP 09B ;CR?
BEQ GOTEND ;yes!
INX ;no, next char.
BPL FINDBE ;keep looking!
CPX 00 ;CR first char?
BEQ INPUT ;yes, try again.
STX ENDPTR ;save end index
LDX 00 ;start w/1st char
LDA MYBUFF,X ;get the character
CMP 032 ;space?
BNE NOSQSH ;no!
TXA ;move index
TAY ;to Y register
LDA MYBUFF+1,Y ;shift all
STA MYBUFF,Y ;characters
INY ;back to remove
;the space.
DEC ENDPTR ;line 1 shorter
JMP SQUISH ;keep squishing!
INX ;next char
CPX ENDPTR ;end?
BNE SQUISH ;no, keep going!
LDA ENDPTR ;was line all spaces?
BNE GETCMD ;no, get command
JMP INPUT ;get another input!
;
;Now find command & process it
;
GETCMD LDA 00 ;start with 1st
STA CMDPTR ;command.
CHKCMD LDY CMDPTR ;get command pointer
LDA CMDST+1,Y ;get index of
STA CEND ;command text end
LDX CMDST,Y ;and start.
LDY 00 ;point to 1st char
LDA MYBUFF,Y ;is buffer char
CMP CMDTXT,X ;= command char?
BNE NOTCMD ;no!
INX ;yes, try next char
INX ;next command char
CPX CEND ;end of command?
BNE CMDCMP ;no, keep comparing!
LDA CMDPTR ;yes, mult command
ASL A ;index by 2 to point
TXA ;into jump table
LDA CMDADR,X ;get command routine
STA CMDJMP ;address low byte
LDA CMDADR+1,X ;and high byte
STA CMDJMP+1 ;and save.
JMP (CMDJMP) ;jump to routine!
INC CMDPTR ;try next command
LDA CMDPTR ;get pointer
CMP 07 ;more commands?
BNE CHKCMD ;yes!
JSR ERRMSG ;oops! bad command!
JMP INPUT ;get another input
;
;This section handles the DOS
;command. It shuts off the HBUG
;VBLANK and BRK vectors and JMPs
;to DOS.
;

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BODOS LDA MYBUFF,Y ;get next char
CMP #9B ;CR?
BEQ DOSOK ;yes, go to DOS
JMP BOTERR ;no, invalid command!
DOSOK LDX # >XITVBV ;point VBLANK
LDY # <XITVBV ;back to the
LDA #7 ;system exit
JSR SETVBV ;point
LDA BRKSVL ;restore old
STA VBRKAK ;system
LDA BRKSVH ;BRK vector from
STA VBRKAK+1 ;save area
JMP (DOSVEC) ;go to DOS!

;Show regs after BREAK key or
;BRK instruction.
SHOBRK PHP ;get processor
PLA ;status in A
AND #EF ;turn off BRK flag
PHA ;and put back in
PLP ;status register!
JSR NEWSCLR ;re-open screen
LDA USRPCL ;get prog counter low
LDA BINHEX ;convert to hex
LDA HEX2 ;get low digit
STA BRK4 ;put in line
LDA HEX1 ;get high digit
STA BRK3 ;put in line, too
LDA USRPCH ;get PC high
JSR BINHEX ;convert to hex
LDA HEX2 ;put low digit
STA BRK2 ;in line
LDA HEX1 ;and high digit
STA BRK1 ;in line.
JSR SETREG ;set rest of line
JSR PRICR ;carriage return
LDX # <BRKTX ;point to the
LDY # >BRKTX ;BREAK text
JSR PRINT ;print it
JMP INPUT ;and get input

;Display registers (DR)
SHOREB LDA MYBUFF,Y ;is next char
CMP #9B ;a CR?
BEQ DROKAY ;yes, it's OK!
JMP BOTERR ;otherwise ERROR
DROKAY JSR SETREG ;get registers
LDX # <DRXTX ;point to the
LDY # >DRXTX ;DR text
JSR PRINT ;print it
JMP INPUT ;and get input

;Set up register disp area
SETREG LDY #0 ;start w/user byte #
SETLP LDA USER,Y ;get data
JSR BINHEX ;convert to hex
LDX DRPTR,Y ;get its position
LDA HEX1 ;get first digit
STA DRXTX,X ;put in line
LDA HEX2 ;get second digit
STA DRXTX+1,X ;put in line
INX ;next byte
CPY #5 ;done 5?
BNE SETLP ;not yet!
RTS ;all done!

;Change registers (CR)
CHGRES LDX #4 ;first copy user
INITMP LDA USER,X ;registers
STA TMPUSR,X ;to temporary
DEX ;hold area
BPL INITMP
LDX #0 ;1st user byte
LDA #0 ;zero out...
STA BHOLD ;byte hold
STA HDIG ;and digit count
CRLOOK LDA MYBUFF,Y ;get input char
CMP #9B ;CR?
BEQ STOTRY ;yes, all done.
CMP #2C ;comma?
BEQ STOTRY ;yes, try store
JSR CTOBIN ;convert it to binary
JMP CRLOOK ;and do next one
LDA HDIG ;any digits?
BEQ NXTCKK ;no, skip it!
LDA BHOLD ;yes, save the byte
STA TMPUSR,X ;in temporary table
LDA MYBUFF,Y ;was this
CMP #9B ;a CR?
BNE NXTCHR ;no, keep going.
LDX #4 ;otherwise,
SETUSR LDA TMPUSR,X ;copy the
STA USER,X ;temporary table
DEX ;back to the
BPL SETUSR ;user registers
JMP INPUT ;get another line
INX ;next user register
CPX #5 ;done 5 regs?

BNE CRSTRT ;no, loop back.
JMP BOTERR ;UH-OH! too many!

;Convert char. to binary #
CTOBIN STX XHOLD ;save X register
LDX #0F ;set scan index
HDSCAN CMP HEXDIG,X ;compare ASCII
BEQ GOTHD ;got it!
DEX ;next char
BPL HDSCAN ;scan all 16
JMP CBERR ;not in table!
ASL BHOLD ;shift current #
ASL BHOLD ;left 4 times to
ASL BHOLD ;multiply it by
ASL BHOLD ;16
TXA ;get this digit
ORA BHOLD ;and add it to
STA BHOLD ;the hold area.
LDA HDIG ;one more digit
CMP #3 ;than 2?
BCS CBERR ;yes--too big!
LDX XHOLD ;restore X reg
INX ;next buffer char
RTS ;and exit
PLA ;remove return addr
PLA ;from stack
JMP BOTERR ;and do error routine

;Display memory contents
SHONEM LDA MYBUFF,Y ;is character...
CMP #9B ;a CR?
BNE GETBAD ;no, get address.
LDA CML ;get last address
CLC ;and add 8 to it
ADC #8 ;since no address
LDA CMH ;was specified
ADC #0
STA CMH
SHOWB LDA #0 ;show only 8
STA COUNTH ;bytes
LDA #7
STA COUNTL
JMP SHOWNL ;go show 'em!
JMP BOTERR ;jump to err routine
JSR GET4 ;get 4-byte address
LDX #4DIGS ;any digits found?
BEQ SMERR ;no!
LDX ADL ;save address
STX CML ;in page zero
LDX ADH ;work area
STX CMH
CMP #9B ;CR after address?
BEQ SHOWB ;yes, show 8 bytes.
CMP #2C ;comma?
BNE SMERR ;no, bad command
INX ;next char
JSR GET4 ;get end address
LDX #4DIGS ;got any digits?
BEQ SMERR ;no!
CMP #9B ;CR after end addr?
BNE SMERR ;no!
LDA ADL ;now subtract
SEC ;end address
SBC CML ;from start
STA COUNTL ;to get number
STA ADH ;of bytes to
SBC CMH ;display.
SHOWLN LDA #32 ;clear out
LDX #44 ;display line
STA SHOM1,X
DEX
BPL CLRML
LDA #1B ;and set up ESC
LDX #14 ;character #
STA ASCII,X ;in the ASCII
DEX ;display area
DEX
BPL SETESC
LDA CML ;convert the
JSR BINHEX ;current address
LDA HEX2 ;to ascii hex
STA SHOM4 ;characters
LDA HEX1 ;and put in
STA SHOM3 ;the memory
LDA CMH ;display line.
JSR BINHEX ;this is done
LDA HEX2 ;2 times for
STA SHOM2 ;the low and high
LDA HEX1 ;bytes of the
STA SHOM1 ;address
LDX #0 ;start showing!
LDA (CML),Y ;get mem byte
CMP #9B ;CR?
BEQ NO9B ;yes, don't show it!
LDX ASCPOS,Y ;put in ASCII
STA ASCII,X ;display area
JSR BINHEX ;convert byte to hex
LDX SMPOS,Y ;get position

LDA HEX2 ;get low char
STA SHDATA+1,X ;and store
LDA HEX1 ;get high char
STA SHDATA,X ;and store.
INX ;next byte
LDA COUNTL ;now decrement
SEC ;the byte count
SBC #1 ;by 1
STA COUNTL
LDA COUNTH
SBC #0
STA COUNTH
BPL SHOREB
LDA MORESH ;more? yes!
JSR MORESH ;no more, print line
JMP INPUT ;and get next command
CPY #8 ;done 8 bytes?
BNE BILDLN ;no, loop back
JSR PDATA ;done 8, print 'em
BPL NOSTOP ;no BREAK key
JMP INPUT ;get next command
LDA CML ;increment display
CLC ;address by 8
ADC #8
STA CML
LDA CMH
ADC #0
STA CMH
JMP SHOWNL ;and loop back.

;Change memory contents (Cnnnn)
CHGMEM LDA MYBUFF,Y ;get char
CMP #3C ;yes?
BEQ CMDFLT ;yes, default address
JSR GET4 ;get the address
LDX #4DIGS ;got any digits?
BEQ CMERR ;no!
CMP #3C ;next char '<'?
BNE CHERR ;no!
LDX ADL ;save the
STX CML ;change memory
LDX ADH ;address on
STX CMH ;page zero.
CMDFLT INX ;next buffer char
LDX #0 ;1st memory byte
CMSTRT LDA #0 ;zero out...
STA BHOLD ;byte hold
STA HDIG ;and digit count
CMLOOK LDA MYBUFF,Y ;get char
CMP #9B ;CR?
BEQ CMTRY ;yes, all done!
CMP #2C ;comma?
BEQ CMTRY ;yes, store last byte
JSR CTOBIN ;convert char to binary
JMP CMLOOK ;and get next
LDA HDIG ;any digits?
BEQ NEXTCH ;no! don't store
STY YHOLD ;save Y register
TAX ;move X...
TAY ;to Y
LDA BHOLD ;get byte to store
STA (CML),Y ;and store it!
LDY YHOLD ;get Y back
NEXTCH LDA MYBUFF,Y ;get last char
CMP #9B ;was it CR?
BNE NXTLOC ;no, continue
JMP INPUT ;all done!
NXTLOC INX ;next mem byte
INX ;next input char
JMP CMSTRT ;loop back!
CHERR JMP BOTERR ;go to error routine

;Execute at address (Bnnnn)
EXECUT JSR GET4 ;get the run address
CMP #9B ;is that all?
BNE EXERR ;no!
LDA #4DIGS ;got any digits?
BEQ EXERR ;no!
LDX USERS ;put user stack
TXS ;pointer in S
LDA USERP ;put user status
PHA ;on stack
LDX USERX ;set user X reg
LDY USERY ;and user Y reg
LDA USERA ;and accumulator
INC EXEC ;set execute flag
PLP ;get status off stack
JMP (ADL) ;go to run address!
EXERR JMP BOTERR ;go to error routine

;Get 4-character address
GET4 LDA #0 ;zero out...
STA ADL ;address low byte
STA ADH ;address high byte
STA #4DIGS ;digit count
LDA MYBUFF,Y ;get char
CMP #9B ;CR?
BEQ #4END ;yes, all done!
CMP #2C ;comma?
BEQ #4END ;yes, all done!
CMP #3C ;CR?

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B4END    BNE TESTIT    ;no, check digit
TESTIT   RTS          ;exit!
B4SCAN   LDX #00F      ;set hex digit pointer
          CMP HEXDIG,X ;is it this char?
          BEQ B0T04D    ;yes!
          DEX          ;try next hex digit
          BPL B4SCAN    ;loop if more,
          PLA          ;discard return
          PLA          ;address,
          JMP B0TERR    ;show error.
B0T04D   ASL ADL        ;this code
          ROL ADH        ;shifts the
          ASL ADL        ;current address
          ROL ADH        ;left 4 bits
          ASL ADL        ;in order to
          ROL ADH        ;multiply it
          ASL ADL        ;by 16.
          ROL ADH
          TXA          ;get this digit
          ORA ADL        ;and add it to
          STA ADL        ;the address.
          INC B4DIG8     ;one more digit
          LDA B4DIG8     ;how many total?
          CMP #5         ;more than 4?
          BCS B4ERR      ;yes! error!
          INY          ;ok, do next character
          JMP B4LOOP     ;and loop back.

;Set up new graphics @ screen
NEWSCR   CLD
          JSR NOIOCB     ;close all IOCB's

;now open screen!
          LDX #0
          LDA # <EADR ;'E:' filename
          STA ICBADR
          LDA # >EADR
          STA ICBADR+1
          LDA #3         ;OPEN command
          STA ICCOM
          LDA #12        ;I/O
          STA ICAUX1
          STX ICAUX2
          JSR CIOV       ;open it!
          RTS          ;and return.

;Close all IOCB's
NOIOCB   LDX #7         ;first close
          STX SAVEX      ;all IOCB's.
          LDA #12        ;CLOSE command
          STA ICCOM,X
          JSR CIOV       ;close it!
          DEC SAVEX      ;next IOCB
          LDX SAVEX      ;more IOCB's?
          BPL CLOOP
          RTS          ;all done!

;Show HBUS prompt
PROMPT   LDX # <HMSB    ;point to
          LDY # >HMSB    ;HBUS message
          JMP PRINT      ;and print it!

;Show error message
ERRMSG   LDA #000       ;set high bit
          ORA MYBUFF,Y   ;inverse the
          STA MYBUFF,Y   ;invalid character
          LDX # <ERRTXT ;point to
          LDY # >ERRTXT ;error message
          JSR PRINT      ;print it
          LDX # <MYBUFF ;point to
          LDY # >MYBUFF ;input buffer
          JMP PRINT      ;print it, too!

;Print memory display line
PDATA    LDX # <SHOM1 ;point to memory
          LDY # >SHOM1 ;display line
          JMP PRINT      ;print it!

;Print carriage return only
PRTCR    LDX # <CR      ;point to CR and
          LDY # >CR      ;fall thru to print

;General-use print routine
PRINT     STX ICBADR     ;save print area lo
          STY ICBADR+1   ;and high
          LDX #0         ;zero X reg.
          LDA #9         ;PUT RECORD command
          STA ICCOM
          LDA #07F       ;set up...
          STA ICBLEN     ;buffer length
          STX ICBLEN+1
          JSR CIOV       ;print it!
          RTS          ;and exit.

;Binary-to-hex converter

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BINHEX   PHA          ;save byte
          AND #00F      ;get low 4 bits
          TAX          ;put in index
          LDA HEXDIG,X  ;lookup hex
          STA HEX2      ;and save
          LSR A         ;get byte again
          LSR A         ;shift right
          LSR A         ;4 times
          LSR A         ;to get
          LSR A         ;high 4 bits
          TAX          ;put in index
          LDA HEXDIG,X  ;lookup hex
          STA HEX1      ;and save
          RTS          ;all done!

;Handle 6502 BRK interrupt
BRKHAN   LDA EXEC       ;executing?
          BNE SAVRES     ;yes!
          BNE SAVRES     ;no, restore accum.
          RTI          ;and return from int.
          CLD          ;no decimal mode!
          LDA #0        ;reset the
          STA EXEC       ;executing flag
          STX USERX     ;save X
          STY USERY     ;and Y
          PLA          ;
          STA USERA     ;and accumulator
          PLA          ;
          STA USERP     ;and status reg.
          PLA          ;
          SEC          ;now get program
          SBC #2        ;counter from stack
          STA USRPCL     ;and subtract 2
          PLA          ;to get BREAK
          SBC #0        ;address.
          STA USRPCH     ;
          TSX          ;save X reg.
          STX XHOLD     ;now store stack ptr
          STX USERS     ;in the user area.
          LDX XHOLD     ;restore X
          CLI          ;clear interrupt
          JMP SHOBK      ;and show break info

;Handle BREAK key in VBI
VBI      LDA EXEC       ;executing?
          BEQ NOBKKEY   ;no!
          LDA BRKKEY    ;BREAK pressed?
          BNE NOBKKEY   ;no!
          LDA #000      ;reset BREAK
          STA BRKKEY    ;press flag
          LDA #0        ;and
          STA EXEC       ;execute flag
          TSX          ;get stack ptr
          LDA STACK+1,X ;get Y register
          STA USERY     ;and save it
          LDA STACK+2,X ;get X register
          STA USERX     ;and save it
          LDA STACK+3,X ;get accumulator
          STA USERA     ;and save it
          LDA STACK+4,X ;get status register
          STA USERP     ;and save it
          LDA STACK+5,X ;get program
          STA USRPCL     ;counter
          LDA STACK+6,X ;and
          STA USRPCH     ;store it!
          TXA          ;move stack ptr
          CLC          ;to A, add 6 to
          ADC #6        ;get true value
          STA USERS     ;and save it!
          LDA # >SHOBK ;change return
          STA STACK+6,X ;address to
          LDA # <SHOBK ;go to SHOBK
          STA STACK+5,X ;after VBLANK.
          JMP XITVBV     ;all done!

;Data areas
;Command text & pointers
CMDTXT   .BYTE "DOSDR<DCB"
CMDST    .BYTE #3,5,8,9,10,11
CMDADR   .WORD 00D05
          .WORD SHOREB
          .WORD CHOREB
          .WORD SHOMEM
          .WORD CHMEM
          .WORD EXECUT

;Miscellaneous text
EADR     .BYTE "E:",#9B
CR        .BYTE #9B
HMSB     .BYTE "HBUS",#9B
ERRTXT   .BYTE #FD,"INPUT ERROR!",#9B
BRK1     .BYTE 32
BRK2     .BYTE 32
BRK3     .BYTE 32
BRK4     .BYTE 32
          .
          .
          .
DRTXT    .BYTE "      A=      X=      Y=      "

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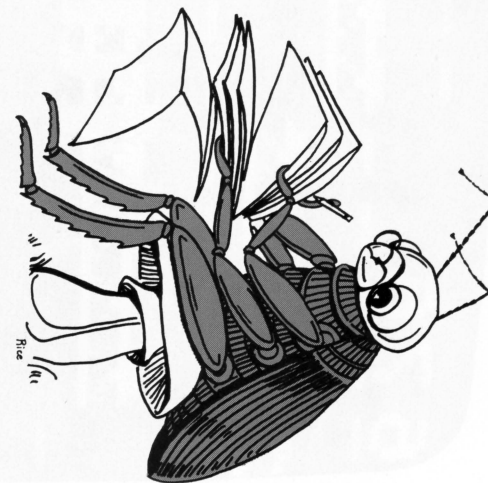
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          .BYTE "P=      S=      ",#9B
SMP08    .BYTE #3,5,8,9,12,13,18,21
ASCP08   .BYTE #1,3,5,7,9,11,13,15
SHOM1    .BYTE 32
SHOM2    .BYTE 32
SHOM3    .BYTE 32
SHOM4    .BYTE 32
FILL1    .BYTE 32
          .
          .
          .
SMDATA   .BYTE "      "
          .
          .
          .
FILL2    .BYTE 32
ASCII    .BYTE "      "
          .
          .
          .
DDRPTR   .BYTE 6,11,16,21,26
HEXDIG   .BYTE "#123456789ABCDEF"

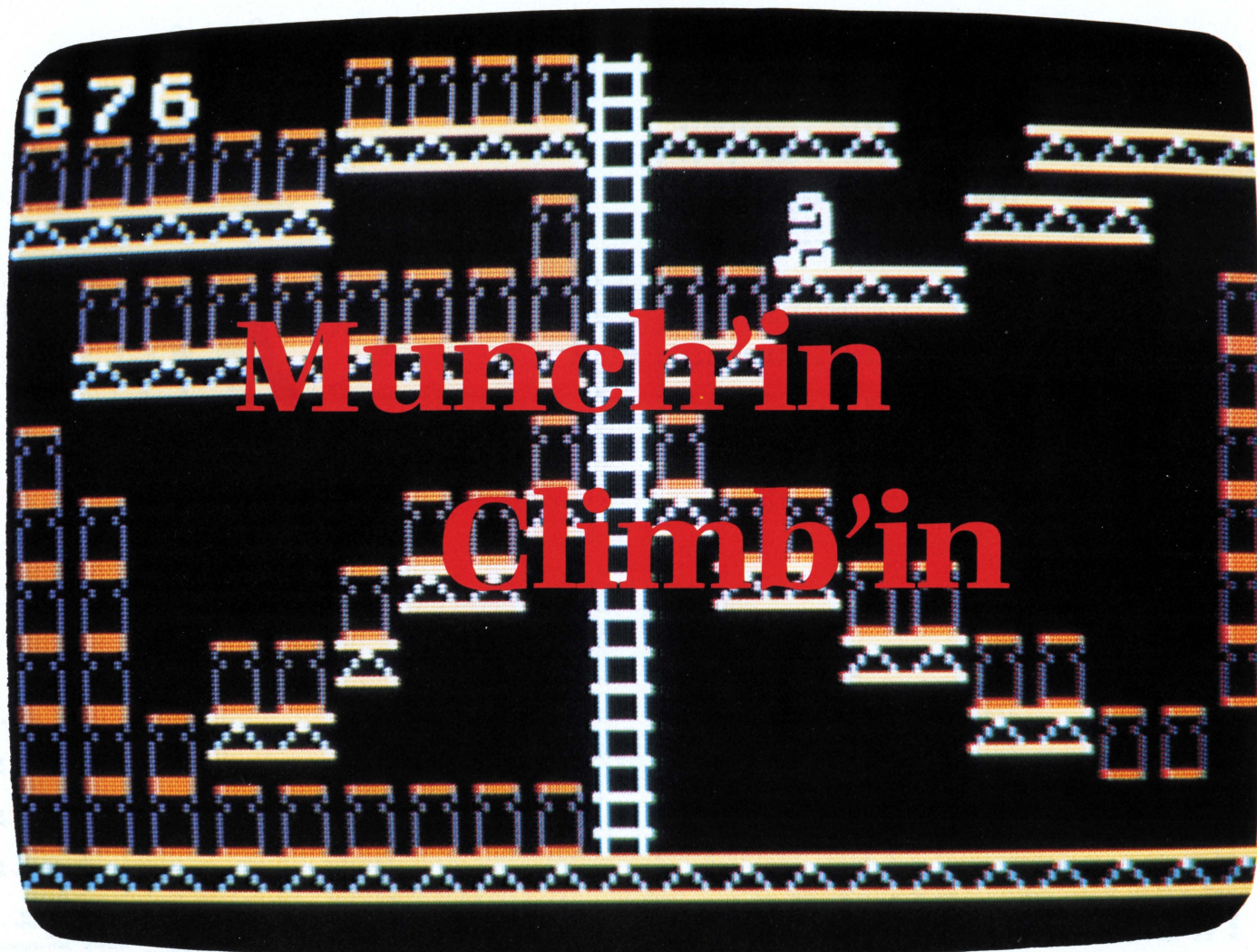
;Misc. memory usage
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;user registers
USER      .
USERA     .BYTE 0      ;accumulator
USERX     .BYTE 0      ;X register
USERY     .BYTE 0      ;Y register
USERP     .BYTE 0      ;status register
USERS     .BYTE 0      ;stack pointer
USRPCL    == +1        ;program counter low
USRPCH    == +1        ;program counter high
HEX1      == +1        ;hex digit 1
HEX2      == +1        ;hex digit 2
CMDPTR    == +1        ;command pointer
CEND      == +1        ;command end index
CMDJMP    == +2        ;command jump addr
ENDPTR    == +1        ;end of input pointer
EXEC      == +1        ;user prog execute flag
SAVEX     == +1        ;X reg. hold area
XHOLD     == +1        ;another X reg hold
YHOLD     == +1        ;Y reg hold
MYBUFF    == +128     ;input buffer
TMPUSR    == +5        ;user reg temp storage
HDIB      == +1        ;hex digit count
BHOLD     == +1        ;byte hold area
ADL        == +1        ;address low
          == +1        ;address high
COUNTL   == +1        ;disp mem count,
COUNTH   == +1        ;low and high
B4DIG8    == +1        ;4-digit count
BRKSVL    == +1        ;BRK interrupt...
BRKSVH    == +1        ;vector save

;Tell computer where to run HBUS
;
;== RUNAD
;WORD HBUS
;
;That's all, folks!
;
;END

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16K Cassette 24K Disk

by Mark Comeau

Your little muncher is one of the hungriest guys around. He'll eat cherries, pumpkins, milk cans and anything else he can find on the grid of girders and ladders. Trouble is, lunchtime is limited to only a few precious seconds. Can you gobble down an entire grid full of goodies before the clock runs out?

You can move your muncher up or down ladders and across girders with a joystick plugged into port #1. You can even fly around to grab those hard-to-reach snacks by jumping off the grid and pushing the stick in the desired direction. Be careful, though! If you sail over a prize you'll have to climb back up the grid and jump for it again, costing valuable seconds.

You get one point for every snack you munch. Some of the tidbits are so tasty, you'll have to pause over them for a moment before your drooling muncher will start to munch. Gobble up every prize on a grid and you'll go on to a more difficult grid; any time left over gets added to your score. Press the red fire button to exit a grid. There are eight different

types of food and eight levels of play. If you manage to complete all eight levels, you'll be rewarded with an intermission and then get a chance to play again with a 10-second handicap.

See if you're good enough to complete all eight levels of **Munch'In Climb'In**. It is possible, but very, very difficult! □

#### Program breakdown.

Line #	Function
40-120	Init Tom Hudson's PMG routine
130-220	Screen set-up and init
230-330	Main movement subroutine
340-360	Death!
370-510	Score display
520-880	Eight screen set-up routines
890-1000	Intermission
1280-1420	High score display
1430-1740	Character set init



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10 REM * MUNCH'IN CLIMB'IN
20 REM * by Mark Comeau
30 REM * ANALOG Computing #17
40 GOSUB 1440:DIM P25(C8),SCORE(C10),H
50 SCORE(C10),LG5(C16):FOR T=C1 TO C10:5C
ORE(T)=C0:NEXT T
50 DIM PMMOV5(100),P05(C8),P15(C8),A5(
C2),BUG(C5):MOVE=ADR(PMMOV5)
60 RESTORE 1640:FOR X=C1 TO 100:READ M
:PMMOV5(X)=CHR$(N):NEXT X
70 FOR I=C1 TO C8:READ N:P05(I)=CHR$(N
):NEXT I
80 FOR I=C1 TO C8:READ N:P15(I)=CHR$(N
):NEXT I
90 FOR I=C1 TO C8:READ N:P25(I)=CHR$(N
):NEXT I
100 FOR I=C1 TO C16:READ N:LG5(I)=CHR$(
N):NEXT I
110 PMBASE=INT((PEEK(145)+C3)/C4)*C4:P
OKE 54279,PMBASE:PMB=PMBASE*256:PMD=AD
R(P05)
120 POKE 559,46:POKE 53277,C3:ALT=ADR(
P15):LAD=ADR(P25):P05=LAD:POKE 704,C14
:LG=ADR(LG5)
130 GRAPHIC5 C18:POKE 756,PEEK(106)+C1
:POKE 559,46:POKE 77,C0:POKE 710,53
140 PRI=PRI+C1
150 IF PRI=205 THEN PRI=197
160 SCORE=SCORE+DOT:IF QWER=C1 THEN 5C
ORE=SCORE+TIM:QWER=C0
170 IF MEN=C0 THEN MEN=C4:SCRE=C1:STM=
C0:PRI=196:GOTO 370
180 COLOR 68:PLOT C4,C6:DRAWTO C3+MEN,
C6
190 GOSUB 1390
200 ON SCRE GOSUB 520,590,680,750,820,
1010,1100,1200,890
210 FOR V=C5 TO C0 STEP -C1:FOR T=C0 T
O C3:SOUND T,255-T,14,V:NEXT T:NEXT V
220 X=200:Y=96:COLOR 32:DOT=C0:TIM=TIM
-5TM
230 S=STICK(C0)
240 X=X+(S=C7 AND X<200)*C8-(S=C11 AND
X>48)*C8:GX=(X-48)/C8:GY=(Y-C16)/C8:L
OCATE GX,GY,C:LOCATE GX,GY+C1,D
250 IF S=C7 THEN P05=PMD
260 IF S=C11 THEN P05=ALT
270 IF C=99 THEN Y=Y+(S=C13 AND Y<96)*
C8-(S=C14 AND Y>C16)*C8:P05=LAD
280 IF D=32 OR D=PRI THEN Y=Y+C8
290 IF C<>PRI THEN 310
300 SOUND C0,100,C14,C14:SOUND C0,C0,C
0,C0:PLOT GX,GY:DOT=DOT+C1:IF DOT=MAX
THEN SCRE=SCRE+C1:QWER=C1:GOTO 130
310 A=USR(MOVE,C0,PMB,P05,X,Y,C8)
320 TIM=TIM-C2:POSITION C0,C0:? #C6;TI
M;" ":POKE 704,C14:IF TIM=C0 THEN MEN=
MEN-C1:GOTO 340
330 GOTO 230
340 P=PEEK(560):A=USR(MOVE,C0,PMB,ALT,
X,Y,C8):FOR AM=C1 TO C10
350 FOR T=C0 TO C3:POKE 53256,T:R=INT(
RND(C0)*30):POKE 712,R:POKE 560,P+T:50
UND C0,R,C8,C14:NEXT T:NEXT AM
360 POKE 53256,C0:SOUND C0,C0,C0,C0:GO
TO 130
370 DOT=C0:IF SCORE>SCORE(C10) THEN GO
TO 1280
380 IF STRIG(C0)=C0 THEN SCORE=C0:GOTO
130
390 POKE 53256,C3:A=USR(MOVE,C0,PMB,LG
,150,50,C16)
400 SOUND C0,C0,C0,C0:GRAPHIC5 C18:POK
E 559,46
410 FOR T=C0 TO C3:SOUND T,255-T,C14,C
5:NEXT T
420 ? #C6;" MUNCH'IN CLIMB'IN":POSITIO
N C0,C3
430 ? #C6;"M" C"
440 ? #C6;"U" I"
450 ? #C6;"n" i"
460 ? #C6;"c" M"
470 ? #C6;"h" b"
480 ? #C6;? #C6;" BY MARK COMEAU"
490 POSITION C3,C11:? #C6;"PRESS TRIGG
ER":POSITION C5,C5:? #C6;SCORE:SCORE=C
0:POKE 704,C14

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500 POKE 710,INT(RND(C0)*255):POKE 709
,INT(RND(C0)*255):IF STRIG(C0)=C0 THEN
POKE 704,C0:POKE 53256,C0:GOTO 130
510 GOTO 500
520 TIM=400:MAX=69
530 COLOR 66:PLOT C1,C9:DRAWTO C19,C9:
PLOT C2,C7:DRAWTO C10,C7:DRAWTO C15,C2
:PLOT C0,C11:DRAWTO C19,C11
540 PLOT C0,C4:DRAWTO C18,C1
550 COLOR PRI:PLOT C1,C8:DRAWTO C19,C8
:PLOT C2,C6:DRAWTO C10,C6:DRAWTO C14,C
2:PLOT C0,C10:DRAWTO C18,C10
560 PLOT C0,C3:DRAWTO C18,C0
570 COLOR 99:PLOT C19,C0:DRAWTO C19,C1
0
580 RETURN
590 TIM=800:P05=ALT:MAX=79
600 COLOR 99:PLOT C9,C0:DRAWTO C9,C10
610 COLOR 66:PLOT C0,C11:DRAWTO C19,C1
1:PLOT C8,C1:DRAWTO C0,C2:PLOT C10,C6:
DRAWTO C19,C11
620 PLOT C1,C4:DRAWTO C8,C4:PLOT C8,C6
:DRAWTO C0,C11:PLOT C10,C1:DRAWTO C19,
C1:DRAWTO C10,C4
630 COLOR PRI:PLOT C0,C10:DRAWTO C8,C1
0:PLOT C10,C10:DRAWTO C19,C10:PLOT C8,
C0:DRAWTO C0,C1
640 PLOT C10,C5:DRAWTO C19,C10:PLOT C1
,C3:DRAWTO C8,C3:PLOT C8,C5:DRAWTO C0,
C10:PLOT C8,C2
650 PLOT C10,C0:DRAWTO C14,C0:PLOT C19
,C3:DRAWTO C19,C8:DRAWTO C16,C10
660 PLOT C10,C3:DRAWTO C15,C1:PLOT C0,
C5:DRAWTO C0,C10:PLOT C1,C6:DRAWTO C1,
C9
670 RETURN
680 TIM=550:MAX=81
690 COLOR 99:PLOT C0,C1:DRAWTO C0,C10:
PLOT C19,C0:DRAWTO C19,C10
700 COLOR 66:PLOT C0,C11:DRAWTO C19,C1
1:PLOT C1,C2:DRAWTO C18,C10:PLOT C1,C4
:DRAWTO C14,C10:PLOT C1,C6
710 DRAWTO C10,C10:PLOT C18,C1:DRAWTO
C6,C1:PLOT C18,C3:DRAWTO C8,C3:PLOT C1
8,C5:DRAWTO C10,C5:PLOT C18,C7
720 DRAWTO C12,C7:COLOR PRI:PLOT C1,C1
:DRAWTO C18,C9:PLOT C1,C3:DRAWTO C14,C
9:PLOT C1,C5:DRAWTO C10,C9
730 PLOT C18,C0:DRAWTO C6,C0:PLOT C18,
C2:DRAWTO C8,C2:PLOT C18,C4:DRAWTO C10
,C4:PLOT C18,C6:DRAWTO C12,C6
740 RETURN
750 TIM=1800:MAX=135:P05=ALT
760 COLOR 99:PLOT C9,C0:DRAWTO C9,C10
770 COLOR 66:PLOT C0,C11:DRAWTO C19,C1
1:PLOT C8,C1:DRAWTO C0,C5:PLOT C10,C1:
DRAWTO C19,C5
780 COLOR PRI:PLOT C0,C10:DRAWTO C8,C1
0:PLOT C10,C10:DRAWTO C19,C10:PLOT C8,
C0:DRAWTO C0,C4
790 PLOT C10,C0:DRAWTO C19,C4:W=C2:FOR
T=C8 TO C0 STEP -C1:W=W+0.5:PLOT T,W:
DRAWTO T,C10:NEXT T
800 W=C2:FOR T=C10 TO C19:W=W+0.5:PLOT
T,W:DRAWTO T,C10:NEXT T
810 RETURN
820 TIM=450:MAX=80
830 COLOR 99:PLOT C0,C1:DRAWTO C0,C10:
PLOT C19,C0:DRAWTO C19,C10
840 COLOR 66:PLOT C0,C11:DRAWTO C19,C1
1:PLOT C1,C2:DRAWTO C18,C5:PLOT C1,C4:
DRAWTO C18,C7
850 PLOT C3,C2:DRAWTO C18,C1:PLOT C3,C
8:DRAWTO C15,C8:PLOT C1,C6:DRAWTO C6,C
11
860 COLOR PRI:PLOT C1,C10:DRAWTO C18,C
10:PLOT C1,C1:DRAWTO C18,C4:PLOT C1,C3
:DRAWTO C18,C6:PLOT C11,C0
870 DRAWTO C18,C0:PLOT C10,C1:PLOT C3,
C7:DRAWTO C15,C7:PLOT C1,C5:DRAWTO C6,
C10
880 RETURN
890 P05=ALT:STM=STM+C20
900 FOR T=C0 TO C3:SOUND T,C0,C0,C0:NE
XT T
910 COLOR 99:PLOT C8,C6:DRAWTO C8,C6:P
LOT C10,C6:DRAWTO C10,C6:COLOR 66:PLOT
C8,C5:DRAWTO C10,C5

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920 PLOT C8,C7:DRAWTO C10,C7:IF X>120
THEN FOR X=X TO 120 STEP -C1:GOSUB 1000:NEXT X
930 FOR X=X TO 120:GOSUB 1000:NEXT X
940 IF Y>64 THEN FOR Y=Y TO 64 STEP -C1:GOSUB 1000:NEXT Y:GOTO 960
950 FOR Y=Y TO 64:GOSUB 1000:NEXT Y
960 FOR T=C0 TO 255:POKE 704,T:SOUND C0,T,C14,C14:NEXT T
970 FOR T=255 TO C0 STEP -C1:SOUND C0,T,C14,C14:NEXT T
980 FOR R=C1 TO C20:SOUND C0,C10,C13,C14:SOUND C0,C0,C0,8:FOR V=C14 TO C15 STEP -C1:SOUND C0,28-V,C2,V:NEXT V
990 NEXT R:SCORE=C1:POP:GOTO 130
1000 A=USR(MOVE,C0,PMB,POS,X,Y,C0):RETURN
1010 TIM=950:MAX=92
1020 COLOR 66:PLOT C0,C1:DRAWTO C10,C11:PLOT C0,C3:DRAWTO C8,C11:PLOT C0,C5:DRAWTO C6,C11:PLOT C0,C7
1030 DRAWTO C4,C11:PLOT C0,C9:DRAWTO C2,C11:PLOT C0,C11:DRAWTO C19,C11:PLOT C18,C1:DRAWTO C5,C5
1040 COLOR PRI:PLOT C0,C0:DRAWTO C10,C10:PLOT C0,C2:DRAWTO C8,C10:PLOT C0,C4:DRAWTO C6,C10:PLOT C0,C6
1050 DRAWTO C4,C10:PLOT C0,C8:DRAWTO C2,C10:PLOT C0,C10:PLOT C14,C4:DRAWTO C14,C10:PLOT C18,C0:DRAWTO C5,C4
1060 PLOT C13,C6:DRAWTO C13,C10:PLOT C12,C6:DRAWTO C12,C10:PLOT C15,C4:DRAWTO C15,C10
1070 PLOT C16,C3:DRAWTO C16,C10:PLOT C17,C3:DRAWTO C17,C10:PLOT C18,C3:DRAWTO C18,C10
1080 COLOR 99:PLOT C0,C0:DRAWTO C0,C10:PLOT C19,C0:DRAWTO C19,C10
1090 RETURN
1100 TIM=800:MAX=107
1110 COLOR 99:PLOT C0,C1:DRAWTO C0,C10:PLOT C19,C0:DRAWTO C19,C10:COLOR 66:PLOT C0,C11:DRAWTO C19,C11
1120 PLOT C1,C2:DRAWTO C8,C3:PLOT C1,C4:DRAWTO C7,C5:PLOT C1,C6:DRAWTO C6,C7:PLOT C1,C8:DRAWTO C5,C9
1130 PLOT C18,C1:DRAWTO C10,C1:PLOT C18,C2:DRAWTO C10,C3:PLOT C18,C4:DRAWTO C11,C5:PLOT C18,C6:DRAWTO C12,C7
1140 PLOT C18,C8:DRAWTO C13,C9
1150 COLOR PRI:PLOT C1,C10:DRAWTO C18,C10:PLOT C1,C1:DRAWTO C8,C2:PLOT C1,C3:DRAWTO C7,C4
1160 PLOT C1,C5:DRAWTO C6,C6:PLOT C1,C7:DRAWTO C5,C8:PLOT C18,C0:DRAWTO C9,C0:DRAWTO C9,C10:PLOT C14,C2
1170 DRAWTO C10,C2:PLOT C18,C3:DRAWTO C11,C4:PLOT C18,C5:DRAWTO C12,C6:PLOT C18,C7:DRAWTO C13,C8:PLOT C10,C5
1180 DRAWTO C10,C10:PLOT C8,C5:DRAWTO C8,C10:PLOT C11,C6:DRAWTO C11,C10:PLOT C7,C6:DRAWTO C7,C10
1190 RETURN
1200 POS=ALT:TIM=700:MAX=79
1210 COLOR 99:PLOT C0,C0:DRAWTO C0,C11:PLOT C19,C0:DRAWTO C19,C9:PLOT C9,C5:DRAWTO C9,C8
1220 COLOR 66:PLOT C0,C11:DRAWTO C19,C11:PLOT C1,C2:DRAWTO C18,C5
1230 PLOT C18,C1:DRAWTO C8,C1:PLOT C3,C8:PLOT C4,C10:PLOT C15,C7
1240 PLOT C18,C9:DRAWTO C1,C9:PLOT C10,C5:DRAWTO C10,C8:COLOR PRI:PLOT C1,C10:DRAWTO C19,C10:PLOT C1,C1
1250 DRAWTO C18,C4:PLOT C18,C0:DRAWTO C8,C0:PLOT C3,C7:PLOT C4,C9:PLOT C15,C6:PLOT C9,C4:DRAWTO C4,C9
1260 PLOT C8,C4:DRAWTO C3,C9:PLOT C3,C1:DRAWTO C3,C8:PLOT C14,C5:DRAWTO C11,C8:PLOT C1,C2:DRAWTO C1,C8
1270 RETURN
1280 POKE 704,C0:POKE 53256,C0:GRAPHIC 5 C18
1290 SETCOLOR C2,C0,C0:Q=C16:T=65:POKE 752,C1:?"#C6;" MUNCH'IN CLIMB'IN "?:#C6;" top ten"
1300 POKE 559,46:FOR W=C1 TO C10:IF SCORE>SCORE(W) THEN 1320

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1310 NEXT W
1320 FOR T=C1 TO C10:HSCORE(T)=SCORE(T):NEXT T
1330 FOR T=W TO C9:SCORE(T+C1)=HSCORE(T):NEXT T:SCORE(W)=SCORE
1340 FOR T=C1 TO C10:POSITION C0,T+C1:?"#C6;SCORE(T):NEXT T:POSITION C5,W+C1:?"#C6;"YOUR SCORE"
1350 FOR T=255 TO C0 STEP -C4:FOR V=C0 TO C3:SOUND V,T+V,C14,C14:NEXT V:NEXT T
1360 FOR V=C0 TO C3:SOUND V,C0,C0,C0:NEXT V
1370 IF STRIG(C0)=C0 THEN 390
1380 GOTO 1370
1390 IF STRIG(C0)=C0 THEN RETURN
1400 FOR T=C0 TO C3:SOUND T,250-(T*C3),C14,C7:NEXT T
1410 POSITION C5,C5:?"#C6;SCORE:FOR T=C1 TO 600:NEXT T:POKE 53248,C0:POSITION C5,C5
1420 ?"#C6;" ":"POSITION C3,C6:?"#C6;" ":"RETURN
1430 REM * INITIALIZATION
1440 GRAPHIC 5 18:POSITION 6,5:?"#6;"ST AND BY"
1450 RESTORE 1720:READ C0,C1,C2,C3,C4,C5,C6,C7,C8,C9,C10,C11,C12,C13,C14,C15,C16,C17,C18,C19,C20
1460 DIM XFR$(38):RESTORE 1730:FOR X=C1 TO 38:READ Z:XFR$(X)=CHR$(Z):NEXT X
1470 POKE 106,PEEK(106)-C5:GRAPHIC 5 C18:START=(PEEK(106)+C1)*256:POKE 756,START/256:POKE 752,C1
1480 Z=USR(ADR(XFR$)):RESTORE 1520
1490 READ X:IF X=-C1 THEN RESTORE 1520:POKE 559,34:RETURN
1500 FOR Y=C0 TO C7:READ Z:POKE X+Y+5TART,Z:NEXT Y
1510 GOTO 1490
1520 DATA 264,0,12,18,57,124,124,124,56
1530 DATA 272,255,24,36,66,255,0,0,0
1540 DATA 288,28,38,58,2,62,28,34,238
1550 DATA 296,0,12,18,57,124,124,124,56
1560 DATA 304,14,17,60,126,126,126,126,60
1570 DATA 312,126,66,36,66,66,66,66,126
1580 DATA 320,16,16,56,56,124,124,124,56
1590 DATA 328,0,0,90,60,90,126,36,24
1600 DATA 336,129,189,126,219,255,189,66,60
1610 DATA 344,32,50,24,12,22,19,56,124
1620 DATA 352,129,90,60,126,126,60,90,129
1630 DATA 280,66,255,66,66,66,255,66,66,-1
1640 DATA 216,104,104,104,133,213,104,24,105,2,133,206,104,133,205,104,133,204,104,133,203,104,104,133,208
1650 DATA 104,104,133,209,104,104,24,101,209,133,207,166,213,240,16,165,205,24,105,128,133,205,165,206,105
1660 DATA 0,133,206,202,208,240,160,0,162,0,196,209,144,19,196,207,176,15,132,212,138,168,177,203,164
1670 DATA 212,145,205,232,169,0,240,4,169,0,145,205,200,192,128,208,224,166,213,165,208,157,0,208,96
1680 DATA 56,100,92,64,124,56,68,119
1690 DATA 28,38,58,2,62,28,34,238
1700 DATA 24,60,60,60,24,36,102,0
1710 DATA 28,28,38,38,58,58,2,2,62,62,28,28,34,34,238,238
1720 DATA 0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20
1730 DATA 104,169,0,133,203,133,205,169,224,133,206,165,106,24,105,1,133,204,160
1740 DATA 0,177,205,145,203,200,208,249,230,204,230,206,165,206,201,228,208,237,96

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## CHECKSUM DATA

(See p. 30)

10 DATA 593,823,296,246,947,170,217,22  
 0,223,61,708,285,974,959,573,7295  
 160 DATA 326,531,555,835,258,723,867,1  
 94,213,387,665,518,215,25,321,6633  
 310 DATA 555,797,707,807,464,390,847,5  
 66,160,46,239,500,996,16,9,7099  
 460 DATA 5,2,768,129,310,702,468,395,9  
 42,124,943,125,613,588,139,6253  
 610 DATA 625,854,905,769,141,97,612,49  
 7,480,967,541,245,363,605,41,7742  
 760 DATA 159,451,928,98,113,598,481,46  
 6,346,44,128,272,619,289,450,5442  
 910 DATA 522,832,732,576,675,60,471,61  
 8,318,685,719,738,97,702,527,8272  
 1060 DATA 801,821,46,788,547,532,766,6  
 30,892,191,188,748,32,791,700,8473  
 1210 DATA 244,155,187,124,820,26,792,5  
 08,681,525,536,418,354,970,175,6515  
 1360 DATA 717,465,730,300,562,409,564,  
 677,866,636,536,443,726,648,724,9003  
 1510 DATA 734,225,971,219,235,321,362,  
 475,953,856,982,350,613,875,962,9133  
 1660 DATA 231,410,983,711,636,14,415,1  
 47,639,4186

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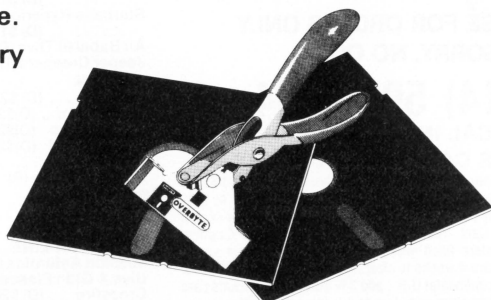
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## THE RETURN OF HERACLES

by Stuart Smith

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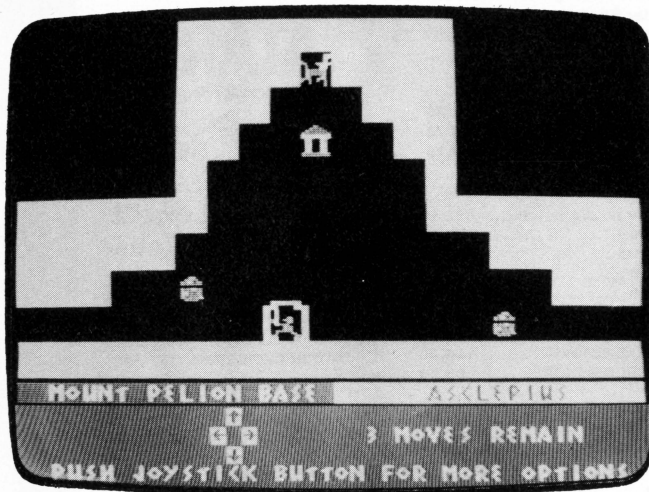
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by Michael Des Chenes

I have never been interested in adventures. If you were to ask me what my favorite adventure is, I would have to say **Ali Baba** from Quality Software. I heard rumors that Stuart Smith, author of **Ali Baba**, was working on a similar adventure with more features. I didn't hear anything from Quality Software for over a year, so I figured that I would never see their next adventure. Without warning, a package arrived at the **ANALOG** offices from Quality Software, **The Return of Heracles**. Finally, an adventure that even I could get excited about!



### The Return of Heracles.

**Heracles** is a one to four player graphics adventure using only the joysticks for control. The game is an exploration of Greek mythology. Each human player takes on the role of up to four of the over twenty available heroes, heroines, or creatures. You move about in the world of mythic Greece, earning fame and fortune, sharpening your abilities, fighting strange beasts, and trying to complete the twelve tasks given to you by Zeus, powerful Father of the Heavens.

Many of the players may work together, taking turns. If your player is killed you may add any of the other available players at any point in the game. There is a total of 247 characters in the game. Each character has its own personality, shown in a character table in the instruction book. Strength, vigor, dexterity, speed, target size, armor, melee and hand-to-hand combat ratings are different for each character. For

example, an Adder has the strength of 7 and the speed of 2, but a Boar has the same strength but a higher speed of 10. Choose your characters wisely and you'll live longer.

Your character can become stronger and more agile during the game by collecting money, finding a trading outpost and purchasing weapons, poisons and training. But don't get to greedy! The more money you carry around with you, the slower your player moves because of the added weight.

With such a larger number of characters to choose from, you'll never get bored playing the game over and over. I find the game to be more enjoyable than most adventures because of the ability to play with or against another human player. Zeus tells you how well you're doing each time you complete one of his tasks. Each task is worth a certain number of points. Finishing all twelve tasks gives you an additional bonus and completes the game.

Even if adventures bore you, I think you'll find **The Return of Heracles** an entertaining game. If you're already hooked on adventures, I think you'll like this new twist in adventure gaming. The graphics, sound, playability and the amount of research into Greek mythology that went into this game are top notch. □



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# Introduction to Action! Part 2.

by Clinton Parker

Part I of this series presented a brief introduction of Action! data types and control structures using a small example program. In this part, I will expand on that example to demonstrate the use of ARRAYS in the Action! language, and increase the speed at which it runs.

This increase in speed is accomplished by providing a specialized PLOT routine instead of using the one provided in the cartridge library. The PLOT routine in the cartridge (the same one used by the OS) was written to be very flexible so that it could handle all the different graphics modes and check for illegal values. The problem with this generality is that it doesn't plot points on the screen all that fast. Since all the points plotted in KAL are in graphics mode 24, it seems reasonable to write a PLOT routine just for that mode.

All right, we now see that having our own PLOT routine would be useful, but how do we go about writing one? First, we'll start by looking at how the Atari represents graphics mode 24 data by means of a simple example. Imagine a small piece of graph paper 24 by 12. Label the top left square 0,0 and the bottom right square 23,11. Draw a line from top to bottom between squares 7 & 8 and 15 & 16, and then number these divisions starting with 0,1,2 for the first line; 3,4,5 for the next line (1) and ending with 33,34,35 for the last line (11). What you should have is **Figure 1**. Except for the screen being much larger, this is exactly how the Atari generates a graphic 24 display. Each 8 square division on the graph paper represents an 8-bit byte of memory.

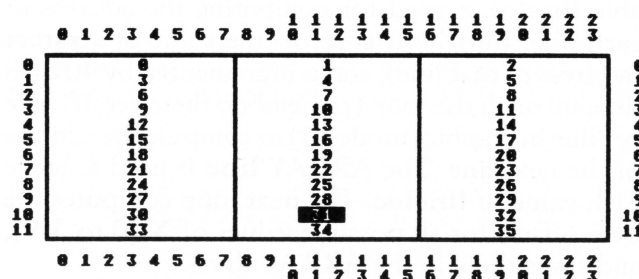


Figure 1.

If we plot point 10,10 on our sheet of graph paper, we note that it is in division 31 and is the 2nd square of that division (first square of a division is 0). The computer does a similar calculation when we tell it to plot point 10,10. It first determines which byte of the screen memory we want and then it determines which bit in that byte is to be set.

Now this isn't as hard as it looks, because there are several tricks that can be used to make these calculations simple. We can calculate the offset of the first division (byte) of each line by multiplying the number of divisions (3 for our example, 40 for a graphics 24 display) by the line number. We can then calculate which division (byte) we want on that line by dividing the column by 8 (8 spaces per section, 8 bits per byte). Finally, we can compute which square (bit) is to be changed by the remainder of this division. Thus, for 10,10 example we have:

**line offset** = 30 (10\*3)  
**division offset** = 1 (10/8)  
**square offset** = 2 (10 MOD 8)

We now have enough information to design our PLOT routine. Remember that we are writing our own routine to increase the speed of plotting points. Multiplication and division are slow operations, so if we avoid doing these operations when we are plotting, it will greatly increase the speed of our plot routine. As turns out, we can avoid doing these operations by precomputing the line offsets and byte offsets at the beginning of the program and then use those offsets in our plot routine. We do this by storing the precomputed offsets in ARRAYS. In the plot routine, we'll use Y as an index into the line offset ARRAY (line) and X as an index into the byte offset ARRAY (div8).

### Walking through.

The PROCedure **Init()** is responsible for generating the precomputed line and byte offsets. It starts by setting up the display with:

```
Graphics(24)
SetColor(1,0,14) : SetColor(2,0,0)
```

The next block of code computes the line offsets (192 of them for graphics mode 24). The variable **scrstart** is defined to be location 88. This location contains the starting address of the screen. The variable **lineloc** is used for computing the address of each line. Initially it is set to the value of **scrstart** (address of first line), and is incremented by 40 each time through the loop (remember, there are 40 byte per line in graphics mode 24) to compute the address of the next line. The ARRAY **line** is used to store each value of **lineloc**. The next loop computes the byte offsets for all possible values of X (0 to 319), and saves them in the ARRAY **div8**.

PROC **Plot()** is passed two arguments, X and Y, which define the point to be plotted. The byte that is to be modified on the screen is computed by adding the line address of Y to the byte offset of X as follows:

```
pos = line(Y) + div8(X)
```

The BYTE POINTER **pos** now contains the address of the byte we want to modify. Next, we determine if we are plotting a point or erasing one by:

```
IF color 0 THEN
```

If **color** is non-zero, we want to plot a point. This is done by setting the correct bit of the byte pointed to by **pos**. This is what

```
pos^ == % m1(X&7)
```

does. This may look very complicated, but it isn't. X&7 computes which bit is to be modified (same as

X MOD 8, but much faster). This is used as the index for the ARRAY **m1**. ARRAY **m1** is declared to contain a set of 8 masks. Each mask represents the bit to be modified for that index. Thus, when **mi(X&7)** is or'ed into the byte pointed to by **pos**, it sets only the bit to be plotted without affecting the other bits of that byte.

In a similar manner, if **color** is zero

```
pos^ == & m2(X&7)
```

erases point X,Y on the screen. ARRAY **m2** is declared to contain 8 masks which, when and'ed with the byte pointed to by **pos**, erase a single bit without effecting the other bits of that byte.

Using this **Plot** routine instead of the built-in routine increases the execution speed of **Kal** by about a factor of 3. Since none of the X values used in **Kal** exceeds 255, you can change the declaration of **Plot** to be:

```
PROC Plot (BYTE x, y)
```

This will make this version of **Kal** run about 4 times faster than using the built in **Plot** routine, but it will no longer work for all legal values of X.

If you haven't followed all of this, don't worry. I didn't go into any details about bit-wise operations (& and %) to keep the description brief. You can still enjoy the results (assuming you have an Action! cartridge). You can even use these two PROCs (**Init** and **Plot**) in other programs that you write yourself.

□

### Listing 1.

```

;          KAL.ACT
; Copyright 1984 BY Clinton Parker
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TYPE REC=[CARD cnt,ax,bx,cx,ay,by,cy]
REC p, e
CARD period, npts, persistence
CARD ARRAY line(192)
BYTE ARRAY div8(320)
BYTE ARRAY m1(8)=[128 64 32 16 8 4 2 1]
BYTE ARRAY m2(8)=[$7F $BF $DF $EF $F7 $F
B $FD $FE]

PROC Plot(CARD x, BYTE y)
  BYTE POINTER pos

; get address of byte to modify
pos = line(y) + div8(x)

; modify only one bit of that byte
IF color#0 THEN ; plot
  pos^ ==% m1(x & 7)
ELSE ; erase
  pos^ ==& m2(x & 7)
FI
RETURN

PROC Init()
  CARD i, scrstart=88
  BYTE POINTER lineloc

```



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```

Graphics(24)
SetColor(1,0,14):SetColor(2,0,0)
; get starting address of each line on
; graphics 24 screen

lineloc = scrstart
FOR i = 0 TO 191 DO
    line(i) = lineloc
    lineloc ==+ 40
OD

; pre-calculate small values divided
; by eight

FOR i = 0 TO 319 DO
    div8(i) = i / 8
OD
RETURN

PROC Gen(REC POINTER r)
    BYTE x0, y0, x1, y1, ATTRACT=77

; get new a
r.ax = (r.ax + r.bx) ! r.bx
r.ay = (r.ay + r.by) ! r.by

r.cnt ==- 1
IF r.cnt=0 THEN ; get new b
    r.bx = (r.bx + r.cx) ! r.cx
    r.by = (r.by + r.cy) ! r.cy
    r.cnt = period
    ATTRACT = 0 ; turn off attract mode
FI

x0 = r.ax RSH 9
y0 = r.ay RSH 9
IF x0<y0 AND y0<96 THEN

```

```

x1 = 191 - x0
y1 = 191 - y0
Plot(x0+64, y0):Plot(x0+64, y1)
Plot(y0+64, x0):Plot(y0+64, x1)
Plot(x1+64, y0):Plot(x1+64, y1)
Plot(y1+64, x0):Plot(y1+64, x1)

FI
RETURN

PROC Kal()
    CHAR CH=764

Init()

; change for different patterns:
persistence = 2500
period = 10000 p.cnt = period
p.ax= 5221 p.bx=64449 p.cx=3
p.ay=57669 p.by=64489 p.cy=3

; copy plot record to erase record
MoveBlock(e, p, REC)

; handle persistence
color = 1
FOR npts = 1 TO persistence DO
    Gen(p)
UNTIL CH#255 OD

; draw patterns until key depressed
WHILE CH=255 DO
    color = 1 Gen(p)
    color = 0 Gen(e)
OD

; ignore key and restore screen
CH = 255 : Graphics(0)
RETURN

```

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Would you like to send a post card from another planet to one of your friends? You would! Well, you'll find three of them in the Official Document File (ODF) that comes with the latest (and best) science fiction adventure from Infocom, **Planetfall**. These are real 110th-century post cards; the one from "Historic Ramos II" is my favorite (they even have old fashioned rocket ship rides there).

As you prowl through the ODF you will find out more about the Third Galactic Union (TGU). The TGU exists in the year 11,344. The TGU has the honor of being the LBG (Largest Bureaucracy in the Galaxy). You can't stand the TGU's LBG, and have decided to escape by enlisting in the Stellar Patrol (SP); you know, the one with the recruiting poster that says, "The Patrol's Looking For A Few Good Organisms."

If you want to know more about the SP and **Planetfall**, I will have to get my Magnetic Briefing Disk (MBD) out of my ODF and boot it. OK, here we are in 11,344, ODF's, the TGU, LBG and 15-page income tax forms (short form). Now you find out that **Planetfall** was written by a person known as the "Bearded Oracle of Yonkers" (real name, Steve Meretzky) and uses the ancient, but still famous, Infocom Interlogic operating system from the 20th century. With Interlogic, you can now communicate with your computer using complete sentences and a 600 word plus vocabulary — all text (bureaucracies like the TGU love text), no pictures.

You also discover that you are an Ensign 7th Class in the SP and that you have an official, authorized I.D. card to prove it. It will quickly become obvious that the recruiting posters that you read did not tell you everything. Ensign 7th Class is the lowest of the low. You're a deck-swabbing, brass-polishing member of the Special Assignment Task Force on board the SPS *Feinstein*.

Life is cruel on the *Feinstein*, mostly because of a certain Ensign 1st class Blather. When you meet Blather, your first impulse will be to render his molecules into a mass of disassociated atoms. Well, keep smiling at Blather; his time as a functioning group of associated molecules is short!

Shortly you find yourself plummeting towards the surface of a planet in one of the *Feinstein*'s escape pods. Through the pods viewport, you will see the

whole SPS *Feinstein* disassociate — including Blather and all your shipmates. You are the sole survivor!

Well at least you won't have Blather to worry about any more. In fact, you are about to land on a water world with two small islands. Ah, dreams of a tropical paradise like Teegy 5.

Splashdown! Dreams of paradise are shattered quickly; as you climb to the top of the first island, you find yourself alone. A little exploring and you discover a large, deserted, technological complex. Where are all the people? Why aren't they here? Well, you're not discouraged — are you? After all, you've got your official (authorized also) mop, bucket, survival kit, and of course your Towel\* (towels are very important on strange planets). Night comes, and with it tiredness — you head for the deserted dormitory you found earlier and bed down. Surely tomorrow will bring some answers (Ensigns 7th Class are notorious for being overconfident).

When you wake, you start to feel the loneliness — even Blather's company would be welcome right now. You are of course hungry so you eat some of the food goo in the survival kit. You feel better after eating, but not quite up to SP standards. You decide to learn as much about your environment as possible.

Now — The real adventure begins. You have a whole world to explore. Even though it only consists of two small islands, there is a lot to learn and a great dilemma to solve — yours and the planet's (hint from TGU central — the planet really is falling). You will find elevators, underground shuttles, helicopters and teleport booths. These all require official authorized access cards. Then there are some questions to answer — Where are all the people? Did they leave? Why do you feel slightly ill?

In the course of your exploration you will find a room full of robots. One of them is "Floyd". Floyd is slightly cockeyed with a strange lopsided grin — but he will prove to be as staunch and true a companion as E.T. was to Eliot. In fact Floyd is critical to your survival — so take good care of him.

You have one immediate priority — food. You have to eat, and the quickest way to die in the 110th-century is to starve. The second thing you will need is access cards, and Floyd can help you here when he's not reciting the first six hundred digits of Pi. Access cards will provide food and transportation — seek them out. There are also computers to use (even some game tapes), alien laboratories and a library; all will provide additional clues to your dilemma. Exercise good Ensign 7th Class logic and you will be a "Hero" and save this water world from destruction. I am going to put the MDB back in your ODF — you'll probably find it mixed up with the post cards.

There is one cardinal rule for people stranded on strange worlds to remember; when all seems lost always remember where your towel\* is and everything will be fine. □



# File 'em

## A Magazine Indexing Program

32K Disk

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by Norman Hill

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How often have you thought that a certain hardware or software product you've heard about might now be of use to you? You remember that there was a review of such an item in one of the magazines, but that was several months ago. It will be necessary to search through a pile of back issues in order to find it, and, also, it may be that several similar items have been reviewed in different issues. A comparison is always helpful.

A commercial database manager would be a useful way of coming up with the necessary information. However, if you are like me, you prefer to design your own program. **File'em** is not as sophisticated as a professional DB, but it should be more than adequate for your needs.

**File'em** is designed to store information about magazine articles on disk and to retrieve that information when required.

After typing in and D:CHECKing the program, SAVE it to disk. The program is set up to add or retrieve information from already existing data files. Since such files do not exist, it will be necessary to set up new files before RUNning the program.

Insert a newly formatted disk into the drive and type in the following program:

```
10 OPEN #1,8,0,"D:FILEEM1.DAT"
20 CLOSE #1
30 OPEN #1,8,0,"D:FILEEM2.DAT"
40 CLOSE #1
50 OPEN #1,8,0,"D:FILEEM3.DAT"
60 CLOSE #1
70 OPEN #1,8,0,"D:FILEEM4.DAT"
80 CLOSE #1
90 OPEN #1,8,0,"D:FILEEM5.DAT"
100 CLOSE #1
110 OPEN #1,8,0,"D:FILEEM6.DAT"
120 CLOSE #1
130 OPEN #1,8,0,"D:FILEEM7.DAT"
140 CLOSE #1
150 OPEN #1,8,0,"D:FILEEM8.DAT"
160 CLOSE #1
```

When this program is RUN, the eight data files will be set up on your data disk.

Now load **FILEEM** and type RUN. You will be asked if you wish to make entries or retrieve information. Obviously, you will type "1" at this stage.

The next prompt will ask you to put the **File'em** data disk into drive #1 and press RETURN. You will now be asked in turn for the Publication, Date, Title and Page Number.

When these entries have been made, you will be asked for the language. Since many magazine programs are now being given in a mixture of BASIC and Assembler, number 8 allows for that possibility. For reviews and informational articles, where no computer language is used, enter 9. You may also prefer to alter some of the entries given in the program. Since Lisp is rarely used in microcomputer programming, you may prefer to leave number 4 blank, to be filled in later with some new language that may become popular in the future. I do not use Lisp, FORTH, PILOT or Pascal, but it is useful to have articles on file which involve these languages. Perhaps some day I will become interested in these languages and will wish to retrieve information concerning them.

The next prompt is for "Type of Article." Number 8 is available for any type that does not fit the earlier descriptions.

Next you will be asked for two keyword numbers from a given list. You may, of course, enter the same number twice. For an article dealing with Player/Missile Graphics you could enter 8,16 or 16,16 or 16,32. Number 32 is again a relief number if nothing else seems to fit. Numbers 29,30,31 are vacant and may be used for other keyboards.

Finally, you are asked if you have any more entries: If you enter Y, you will be returned to the first prompt. If you enter N, the program will end. Since the "Type of Article" prompt calls for a particular data file, each record is stored on disk as it is made. The next record entered may use a different file. If an error is made while making entries, and it is noticed before the record entry is completed, a simple SYSTEM RESET will let you restart the program and remake the entry.

When retrieving information, you will be asked for Language, Type of Article, and 2 Keywords. If you enter 1 for BASIC; 7 for General Utility; 32,32 for keywords, you will be presented with all General Utilities in BASIC. 7, 32 or 7, 7 for keywords will return all Financial Utilities in BASIC. Note that 32 is again a general escape keyword.

Output may be to the screen or to the printer. The printer output is designed for an 80-column printer. If you have a 40-column printer, the output instructions will obviously have to be modified. Lines 1380-1460 in the BASIC program are designed to format the printer output. □

```

10 REM *****
20 REM * FILE 'EM *
30 REM * BY *
40 REM * NORMAN HILL *
50 REM *****
60 DIM T$(25), P$(10), D$(8), M$(1), PR$(1),
  BZ$(10), AZ$(10), N$(13):N$="D:FILEEMO
  .DAT":GRAPHICS 17
80 PRINT #6:PRINT #6;" DO YOU WISH TO"
90 PRINT #6:PRINT #6;" 1 MAKE ENTRIES"
100 PRINT #6:PRINT #6;" OR"
110 PRINT #6:PRINT #6;" 2 get informat
  ion"
120 PRINT #6:PRINT #6:PRINT #6;"TYPE N
  UMBER REQUIRED"
130 OPEN #2,4,C0,"K"
140 GET #2,A:IF A<49 OR A>50 THEN 140
150 CLOSE #2:IF A=50 THEN 840
160 GRAPHICS 0:PRINT "PLACE 'FILEEM.DA
  T' DISK IN DRIVE 1":PRINT
170 PRINT "PRESS RETURN WHEN READY";
180 INPUT P$:IF A=50 THEN 290
190 PRINT CHR$(125):REM CLEAR SCREEN
200 REM -----
210 REM ENTER INFORMATION
220 REM -----
230 PRINT "CHECK EACH ENTRY CAREFULLY"
240 PRINT "BEFORE PRESSING RETURN"
250 PRINT "PUBLICATION (MAX 10 CHARACT
  ER5)":INPUT P$
260 PRINT "DATE":INPUT D$
270 PRINT "TITLE(MAX 25 CHARACTERS)":I
  NPUT T$
280 PRINT "PAGE NUMBER":INPUT P
290 GRAPHICS 1
300 PRINT #6;" LANGUAGES"
310 PRINT #6:PRINT #6;" 1 BASIC":PRINT
  #6:PRINT #6;" 2 Microsoft"
320 PRINT #6:PRINT #6;" 3 assembler":P
  RINT #6:PRINT #6;" 4 LISP"
330 PRINT #6:PRINT #6;" 5 FORTH":PRINT
  #6:PRINT #6;" 6 pilot"
340 PRINT #6:PRINT #6;" 7 Pascal":PRIN
  T #6:PRINT #6;" 8 BASIC & ASSEM":PRINT
  #6:PRINT #6;" 9 OTHER"
350 PRINT "ENTER LANGUAGE NUMBER":INP
  UT L
370 GRAPHICS 1:?" #6;" TYPE OF ARTICLE"
380 PRINT #6:PRINT #6;" 1 DISK UTILITY
  ":PRINT #6:PRINT #6;" 2 education"

```

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390 PRINT #6:PRINT #6;" 3 game":PRINT
  #6:PRINT #6;" 4 INFORMATION"
400 PRINT #6:PRINT #6;" 5 REVIEW":PRIN
  T #6:PRINT #6;" 6 home utility"
410 PRINT #6:PRINT #6;" 7 general util
  ity":PRINT #6:PRINT #6;" 8 OTHER"
420 ? "ENTER TYPE NUMBER":INPUT T
430 IF A=50 THEN 530
440 M$(9,9)=STR$(T):OPEN #1,9,C0,M$
530 GRAPHICS C0:SETCOLOR 2,4,2
540 PRINT "1 KEYWORDS":PRINT
550 PRINT " 1 ADVENTURE", " 2 ARCADE"
560 PRINT " 3 CLOCK", " 4 COMPILERS"
570 PRINT " 5 CONSOLE", " 6 DISK"
580 PRINT " 7 FINANCES", " 8 GRAPHICS"
590 PRINT " 9 GRAPH5", "10 G.T.I.A."
600 PRINT "11 HARDWARE", "12 HOME UTILI
  TIES"
610 PRINT "13 JOYSTICK", "14 MEMORY"
620 PRINT "15 PADDLE", "16 PL/MI55"
630 PRINT "17 PLAYFIELD", "18 PLOTTERS"
640 PRINT "19 PRINTER", "20 SOUND"
650 PRINT "21 SIMULATION", "22 STRINGS"
660 PRINT "23 TAPE", "24 VOICE"
670 PRINT "25 WORD-PROC.", "26 O/S"
680 PRINT "27 REGISTERS", "28 MODEM"
690 PRINT "29", "30"
700 PRINT "31", "32 OTHER"
710 PRINT:PRINT "ENTER 2 KEYWORD NUMB
  ER5":INPUT K1,K2
720 GRAPHICS C0:IF A=50 THEN 910
730 REM -----
740 REM PRINT TO DISK
750 REM -----
760 ? #1:P$:" #1:D$:" #1:T$:" #1:P$,"
  ;L$," ;T$," ;K1$," ;K2
770 CLOSE #1
780 ? :?" "ANY MORE ENTRIES(Y/N)":
790 INPUT M$:IF M$="Y" THEN 190
800 END
810 REM -----
820 REM TYPE OF OUTPUT
830 REM -----
840 GRAPHICS C0:PRINT "DO YOU WANT"
850 PRINT:PRINT "(1)DISPLAY":PRINT "
  OR":PRINT "(2)PRINTOUT":PRINT
860 PRINT "TYPE NUMBER REQUIRED"
870 OPEN #2,4,C0,"K"
880 GET #2,B:IF B<49 OR B>50 THEN 880
890 B=B-48:CLOSE #2
900 GOTO 160
910 M$(9,9)=STR$(T):OPEN #1,4,C0,M$
1000 IF B=1 THEN 1090
1010 REM -----
1020 REM HEADINGS TO PRINTER
1030 REM -----
1040 PRINT:PRINT "IS PRINTER ON?"
1050 PRINT:PRINT "PRESS RETURN WHEN R
  EADY":INPUT P$
1060 PRINT CHR$(125)
1070 LPRINT " PUBLICATION DATE
  PAGE TITLE"
1080 LPRINT " -----"
1090 TRAP 1340
1100 REM -----
1110 REM GET INFORMATION FROM DISK
1120 REM -----
1130 INPUT #1:P$:INPUT #1:D$:INPUT #1;
  T$:INPUT #1:P,L,I,T,C1,C2
1140 IF LI=L OR LI=9 THEN 1160
1150 GOTO 1130
1160 IF TI=T OR TI=8 THEN 1180
1170 GOTO 1130
1180 IF K1=32 OR K1=C1 OR K1=C2 THEN 1
  200
1190 GOTO 1130
1200 IF K2=32 OR K2=C1 OR K2=C2 THEN 1
  220
1210 GOTO 1130
1220 IF B=2 THEN 1380
1230 REM -----
1240 REM PRINT TO SCREEN
1250 REM -----
1260 PRINT P$,D$,"PAGE ";P:PRINT T$
1280 GOTO 1130
1290 REM -----

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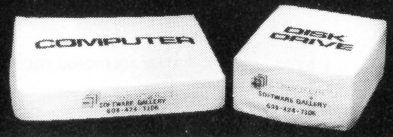
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1300 REM PRINT TO PRINTER
1310 REM -----
1320 LPRINT :LPRINT " " :P$;" " ;
0$;" " :BZ$;" " :T$
1330 GOTO 1130
1340 CLOSE #1:END
1350 REM -----
1360 REM FORMAT PRINTER OUTPUT
1370 REM -----
1380 BZ$=" "
1390 LN=LEN(P$)
1400 IF LN<10 THEN P$(LN+1)=BZ$(1,10-LN)
1410 LN=LEN(D$)
1420 IF LN<8 THEN D$(LN+1)=BZ$(1,8-LN)
1430 AZ$=STR$(P)
1440 BZ$(4-LEN(AZ$))=AZ$
1450 BZ$=BZ$(1,3)
1460 GOTO 1320

```

```

860 DATA 784,346,666,632,717,39,537,14
1,261,143,812,88,447,369,907,6889
1090 DATA 679,438,659,440,839,405,711,
449,713,488,715,493,710,551,634,8924
1240 DATA 513,636,349,717,885,915,880,
776,715,346,179,444,181,998,22,8556
1400 DATA 846,993,526,230,67,3,721,338
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### CHECKSUM DATA (See p. 30)

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10 DATA 335,264,977,647,343,485,942,74
,32,322,876,320,609,512,964,7702
170 DATA 489,689,877,871,795,877,52,13
4,77,461,134,324,916,457,479,7632
320 DATA 649,309,648,771,873,523,127,6
77,260,960,419,53,58,172,581,7080
560 DATA 539,903,813,110,746,437,352,7
94,287,902,969,408,403,247,3,7913
710 DATA 645,18,375,934,381,506,668,32
6,75,40,616,393,622,102,783,6484

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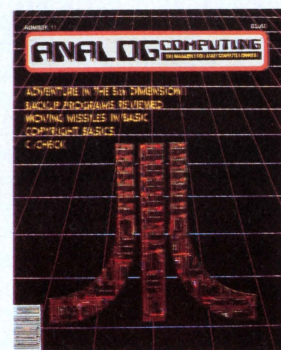
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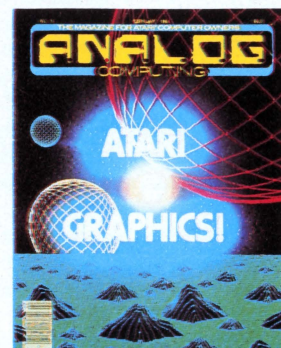
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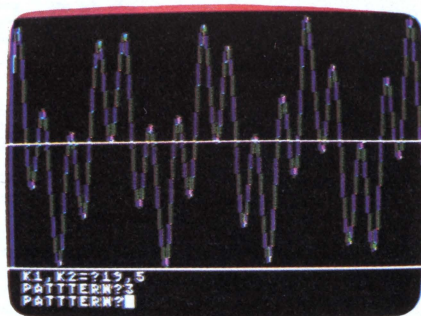
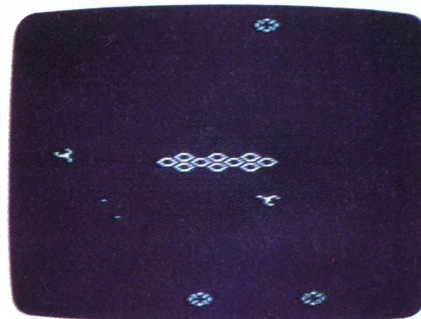
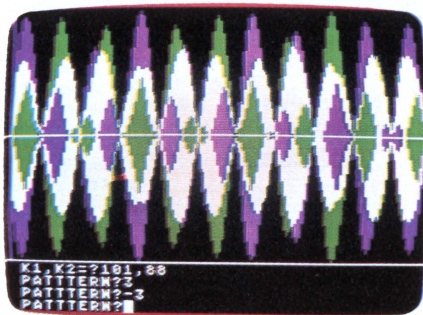
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